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Citizens and Lawn Businesses Beware of Criminals Targeting Lawn Equipment

ABILENE, TX – On Friday, March 29, 2019, the Abilene Police Department arrested two males from Dallas who were caught trying to pawn stolen lawn equipment. They claimed to work for an energy company and wearing shirts with energy logos on them. They would go through neighborhoods looking for customers, meanwhile, targeting homes or vehicles with lawn equipment which was unsecured and easy to steal.

Marvin Miller (34 yoa), and Dewayne Peoples (45 yoa), both from Dallas, were captured trying to pawn stolen lawn equipment. Records indicate they have pawned other stolen items and may be responsible for several recently stolen items of lawn equipment from various locations around Abilene. They have been in Abilene since Monday, March 25. Charges will include Burglary of Motor Vehicle and Theft.

The Abilene Police Department Property Detectives want to warn citizens and lawn business owners to secure equipment. The spring and fall months afford thieves like Miller and Peoples, easy and quick access to tools which are not secured. These are crimes of opportunity. Keep track of serial numbers by taking pictures of the equipment and serial number to make it easier to return pawned equipment.



Marvin Miller Dewayne Peoples

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