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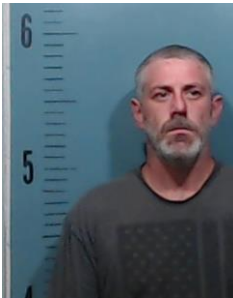
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APD Arrests One Person for Stealing Copper

ABILENE, TX – The Abilene Police Department's Responsive Intelligence Division arrested 31 yr. old Troy Daniel Sargent on May 26, 2017 on theft charges. Sargent was picked up by police in north Abilene on a possible theft. During a subsequent investigation, Agents discovered evidence which tied him to multiple copper thefts around the City.

Sargent is suspected of stealing copper wire from empty homes and businesses then selling the metal for cash. Agents worked collaboratively with the electric provider AEP to identify the owners of businesses and homes which are thought to have been targeted by Sargent. It's unclear just how many businesses and homes were targeted. The investigation continues and could identify more victims.

Sargent was taken to the Taylor County Jail and charged with Felony Theft of Property, and Felony Theft of Copper. He is being held in lieu of bonds totaling \$77,000.



Troy Sargent
(7/04/85)

Respectfully
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