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Theft of Farm Tractors

**UPDATE**

Location of Incident:  Yuma County – Yuma, AZ

**Update 2:** The Yuma County Sheriff's Office has responded to several reports of pallets and other packing material that have been stolen off of trailers left near or in agriculture fields. The YCSO is asking for your help identifying this person that is considered an investigative lead.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public that reporting criminal and suspicious activity immediately significantly improves the chances of a suspect being located and apprehended. Our first responders will immediately attempt to locate anyone who is reported to be acting suspiciously or involved in criminal activity. We ask that all farmers please take precaution with the current thefts in the area.

**Update 1:** On December 5, 2017 the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of County 15th Street and Avenue A in regards to a tractor that had been abandoned in an orchard. When deputies arrived they located the tractor and confirmed it was the stolen tractor from County 17th and Avenue I. A short distance from the tractor the stolen trailer was also recovered.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office continues its investigation. Anyone with any information concerning these investigations is asked to contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at (928) 783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

**Original Release:** The Yuma County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating the theft of three New Holland farm tractors stolen from two separate locations.

Theft #1 - On November 30, 2017 the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of East County 5th Street and South Avenue 40E in reference to a theft of two blue New Holland T6080 tractors. When deputies
arrived they met with the reporting party that said that they had seen a white semi-truck with a lowboy trailer loading up two farm tractors on November 25, 2017 at approximately 10:00 a.m., however; did not report them stolen. The reporting party believed that they had been mistakenly taken by another company and waited to make a report to see if they would return the tractors.

Theft #2 - On December 4, 2017 the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of County 17th Street and Avenue I, in reference to a theft of a 2013 blue New Holland T6120 tractor and a 25' chain driven Denair trailer. Tractor and trailer were taken from the area between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

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By working together, the Sheriff's Office and the residents of Yuma County can make a difference.

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