



## Office of Ross County Sheriff

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## News Release

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**Sheriff Lavender reports that his office is investigating a Breaking and Entering and Theft that occurred at 5775 U.S. Rt. 23 (Murphy's Tractor).**

Deputies were called to the business shortly after 6:30 a.m. this morning. The first deputy arrived and spoke to two employees who said they arrived at work at approximately 6:30 a.m. and found a rear door open along with a window busted out.

The employees found there to be several hand and power tools missing from two tool boxes and a work shop area. The employees also found that a bucket of anti-freeze had been dumped on the floor. There was a noticeable foot print found in the anti-freeze.

The employees also advised the deputy of cameras that had been placed at the business. The deputy reviewed photographs on the cameras and observed pictures of two subjects wearing hooded jackets outside of the business. There was also a partial picture of a dark colored vehicle backed up to the door of the business.

The business also had separate storage buildings that had been broken into with locks cut off of doors.

The deputy investigating the incident documented the scene with several photographs, attempted to obtain fingerprints, and took several pieces of physical evidence.

The employees are compiling an inventory of the stolen items along with their value to be given to the deputy.

This investigation will be coordinated through the Detective Division of the Ross County Sheriff's Office.

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