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Vehicle of interest in Awendaw trailer thefts

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Detectives investigating trailer thefts in the Awendaw area have obtained a surveillance image of a vehicle of interest in the cases.

The two incidents reported to the Charleston County Sheriff's Office occurred a short distance from each other.

Between Dec. 22 and Dec. 26, a 31-foot Tundra travel trailer valued at \$12,000 was stolen from 8522 Doar Road.

Then about 5 a.m. Jan. 8, a 2006 Southern Industries dump trailer valued at \$6,000 was taken from a nearby property on Raw Dew Drive near Doar Road. A witness reported that a dark-color pickup with overhead cab lights left with the trailer that morning. The pickup is possibly a Ford F-250. A surveillance camera captured an image of a pickup thought to be the vehicle involved.

Detectives believe the incidents are likely connected. They ask for the public's help identifying the pickup and the whereabouts of the stolen trailers.

If anyone has information, contact Detective Mike Thompson at 843-554-2471 or methompson@charlestoncounty.org. After hours, call CCSO at 843-202-1700.

The incident reports are available upon request to pio@charlestoncounty.org.

Detectives offer the following tips on trailer theft:

- Lock it up. Several locks are effective in deterring theft, including tongue and hitch locks, as well as chock locks that prevent the wheel from turning.
- Park smart. Store your trailer in a place where it's difficult to remove. Choose a well-lit area, if possible.

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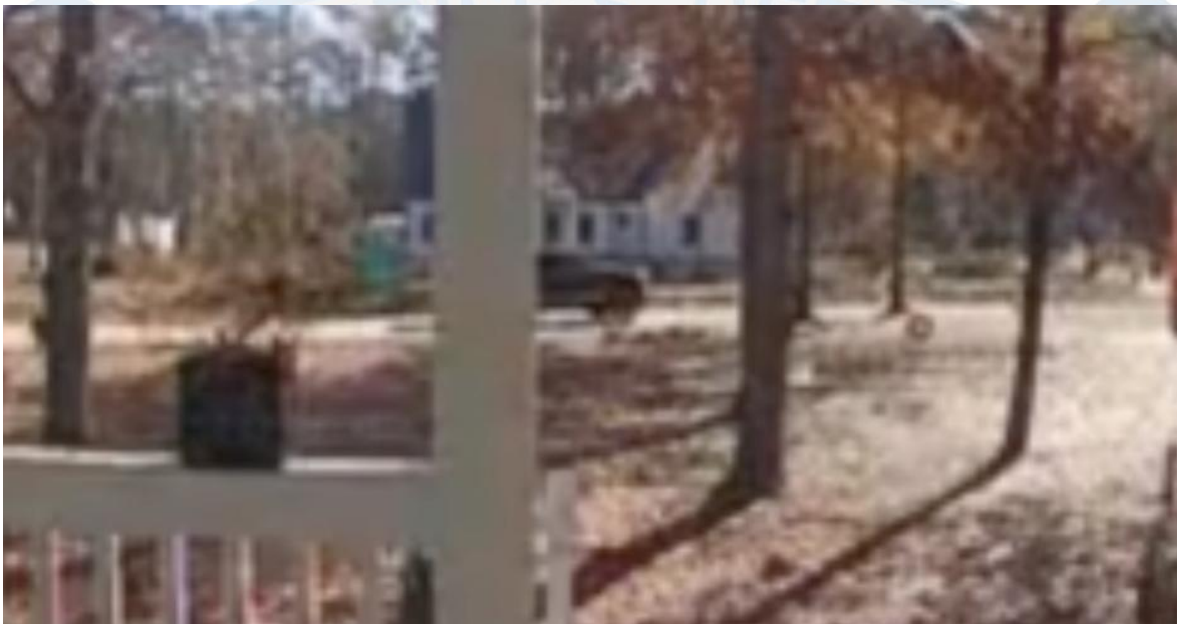
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- Remove a wheel. If your trailer is sitting unused for long periods, jack it up and remove a wheel.
- Add unique markings, record serial numbers, take photos. These steps can assist law enforcement in recovering property if it does get stolen.
- Install security cameras. Having surveillance on your property can deter theft or help solve crime if the unfortunate does happen.
- Don't get complacent. Thefts can happen anywhere, including rural areas.



Vehicle of interest.

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Trailer stolen Jan. 8.



Travel trailer stolen in December.

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