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## CCSO seeks tips in Awendaw trailer thefts

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, March 3, 2023

**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – Detectives from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office are seeking the public's help locating two stolen trailers and a vehicle suspected in the Awendaw thefts.

The enclosed trailers were taken in February from a storage facility at 1070 Fresh Catch Lane. The first trailer is a white 2012 Wells Cargo 7-by-16-foot Fast Track stolen between Feb. 19 and Feb. 21. The second is a white 2012 Haulmark 8.5-by-20-foot dual axle.

A pickup truck suspected in both thefts was captured on surveillance video. The crew cab Dodge Ram 1500 between 2017 and 2019 model years is burgundy with black fender flares and after-market wheels and tires.

Anyone with information, including the location of the trailers or the suspect vehicle, can remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 843-554-1111. Tips also can be reported directly to CCSO at 843-743-7200 or to Detective Mike Thompson at 843-554-2471 or [methompson@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:methompson@charlestoncounty.org).

### UPDATE Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Detectives from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office on Monday arrested a Moncks Corner man in connection with the thefts of the two trailers.

Lee Aaron Hill, 32, was booked at the Al Cannon Detention Center on two counts of grand larceny \$10,000 or more.

Information gathered during the investigation helped detectives develop Hill as a suspect. The detectives saw stolen items on Hill's property and later recovered the trailers as well. *For additional information, the affidavits are available upon request to [pio@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:pio@charlestoncounty.org).*

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The Haulmark trailer had been stamped with a special identification number by CCSO during a 2018 event. The ID number helped detectives identify the trailer as belonging to the victim in the theft.

CCSO will have its next trailer stamping event 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at E.B. Ellington Elementary School, 5540 Old Jacksonboro Road, Ravenel.

Residents can get the free "owner-applied number" stamped onto their own trailers with a special device. This, along with the trailers' VIN and serial numbers, also will be entered into our records system. The TIP event, or Trailer Identification Project, is free to anyone who wants to make their own trailer more identifiable if it's ever stolen. If a trailer's VIN or serial number is known to law enforcement before a theft, the chances of its recovery are much greater. The owner-applied number further increases the chances of recovery by making it harder for thieves to trade or sell the stolen property. This number will be engraved on the trailer frame and in a secondary hidden location.

For more information about the event, contact CCSO Detective Mike Thompson at 843-554-2471 or Detective Will Martin at 843-529-5327.



*Pickup truck suspected in the thefts.*

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*Close-up of pickup truck suspected in the thefts.*



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