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Copper Thief Arrested

Last night, at approximately 10:30PM, Leon County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Trane Parts Store located at 109-1 Hamilton Park Circle, in reference to a burglary in progress. A concerned citizen contacted the Leon County Sheriff's Office and reported he observed a subject inside the fenced area of the closed business dragging two unknown items to the edge of the fence. The citizen confronted the subject, telling him he was calling law enforcement, at which point the subject crawled under the fence and attempted to leave. Deputy Paxton Rogers arrived and took the subject, identified as Stephen French, into custody without incident.

During the investigation, French stated he crawled through a small space under the fence in search of copper. French stole two compressors, dragged them to the edge of the fence and was going to come back later to pick them up. French was arrested for Burglary and Grand Theft, and then booked into the Leon County Jail.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "this arrest was made possible by the actions of a concerned citizen who saw something suspicious and called law enforcement. Over the past few weeks we have seen an increase in citizens reporting suspicious activities and crimes, which have led to several felony arrests".

Arrested:
Stephen French
DOB: 08/12/1963

Charges:
Burglary
Grand Theft



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