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LCSO Makes Arrest in Multiple Shoplifting Cases

The Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) announces a breakthrough in the investigation of multiple shoplifting cases at various home improvement stores between August and September 2023.

During this period, the businesses reported four separate incidents where a male suspect made off with high-value home and yard equipment, including chainsaws, backpack blowers, ceiling fans, heaters, and numerous weed eaters.

Through diligent investigative efforts, LCSO detectives identified 45-year-old Jesse Harden as the suspect responsible for these thefts. Multiple grand theft warrants were subsequently issued for Harden's arrest.

On Tuesday, September 26th, Harden was located and apprehended on the outstanding warrants. During his interview with detectives, Harden admitted to stealing the property and being involved in other thefts.

Harden was arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility. He is also facing unrelated charges, which include Failure to Appear for Driving While License Suspended and Failure to Appear for Hit and Run Involving a Crash.

This successful resolution of this case stands as a testament to the collaborative efforts between our dedicated detectives and the vigilant business community. We encourage all residents to be proactive in reporting crimes and suspicious activities. You can do so anonymously by contacting Big Bend Crime Stoppers at 850-574-TIPS. Your assistance could make a significant difference in our ongoing efforts to maintain a safer community and you may be eligible for an award of up to \$5,000.



NAME: Jesse Harden

DOB: 10/29/77

CHARGES:

- Grand Theft (3 counts)
- Petit Theft (2 counts)
- Possession of Controlled Substance

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