

The Choctaw County Sheriff's Department is looking for help from the public in a number of unsolved cases across the county. Various suspects have stolen cattle, vandalized property and burglarized a home, and the department is looking for information.

Undersheriff Terry Park believes thieves have taken two bulls, 23 cows and 12 calves from a Soper ranch. The owner said the cattle went missing between July 16 and Aug. 2. One bull is a registered Brangus with a "U-329" brand, the second is a black Limousine/Angus/Brangus cross with a tag in the left ear. Some of the 23 cows have an "R" brand on the hip. The owner says the missing herd is worth \$22,000. He visited area sale barns but has yet to find the cattle.

On Sept. 6, Officer Joe Moore with the Choctaw County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to another residence in Soper in reference to stolen cattle. The owner said six cows and 12 calves were missing from his property. He believes the incident occurred between Sept. 3 and 6. He said the cows were branded with "J-F" but the calves were not. The estimated value of the cows was \$900 per head and \$550 per head for the calves.

In another unsolved case, a Boswell man's property seven miles south of Pigeon Roost Road was vandalized. According to Park's report, the property owner arrived at his barn July 26 to start baling hay when he found evidence of trespassing during the night. All of the belts on his hay baler had been cut and the vandals had slashed both tires. The tires on the cattle trailer, one tire on his four-wheeler, the tires on his hay rake and all four tires of his tractor were also cut. The report says the suspect dumped about 250 gallons of diesel onto the ground. The report states it also appears the suspects attempted to hot wire two four-wheelers but failed. A total loss of \$4,537 is estimated. Park took evidence at the scene and the matter is still under investigation.

In another report by Park at the same Boswell property, someone had cut all four tires on the owner's John Deere tractor and put sand in the fuel tank. The cost of repairs is estimated at \$3,000.

According to a report by Officer Ryan London, a home on North 4250 Road in the county was burglarized Aug. 20. The report states the homeowner said the suspects broke the window in the front door to gain entry. She said the following items — total estimated value of \$1,590 — were stolen: antique watches, bag of old coins, cash, cuckoo clock, a gold and silver trumpet, a 2006 class ring, a ring, a keyboard and blue wine glasses. London spoke with a neighbor who said she observed a green vehicle at the residence at the time of the burglary. The sheriff's department is making an arrest of a Messer juvenile in the case but are seeking help in finding others connected with the crime.

Anyone with any information related to these cases is asked to call the sheriff's department at 580.326.2000.