



Fresno County Sheriff's Department
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MEDIA ADVISORY: Wire Theft Suspect Arrested

The Fresno County Sheriff's Department announces the arrest of 32 year old John Thomas Johnson for Grand Theft of copper wire.

The investigation started on 12-26-06, when a large quantity of copper wire was reported missing from the Ventana Hills building site located near Millerton & Auberry in northeast Fresno County. Approximately 1000' feet of wire was stolen with an estimated \$30,000 cost to repair the damage and replace the wire.

The nearly two month investigation led to the arrest of Johnson on 2-20-07, at his home in Fresno, CA. Investigators learned that the wire was recycled at several different metal yards in the Fresno area where Johnson received approximately \$300 in payment.

Johnson was booked into the Fresno County Jail