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#### Theft Ring Thwarted by Citizens and Detectives

(Paulding County, GA) On August 3, 2020 at approximately 1:19 AM a 2019 Polaris Ranger valued at over \$40,000 was taken from 2053 Pleasant Grove Road Temple, GA which is in western Paulding County. The Polaris Ranger was taken from L&W Fabrication and the incident was recorded on their video surveillance system.

The next morning, the victims realized that their side by side was missing and they contacted Detectives who responded to make a report. Once Detectives obtained the surveillance video, they were able to determine that a dark in color Chevrolet truck was seen dropping off a subject in the early morning hours. After a few minutes went by, the video shows the Polaris Ranger being driven away from the scene. Later that day, the victim was contacted by friends who had seen the Polaris Ranger being driven up the road in the area.

The victim was also advised that one of his friends had their Polaris side by side stolen on August 3, 2020 in the early morning hours over in Haralson County. The victim, along with his friends were able to track down the Polaris Ranger several hours later in Southern Trace subdivision where they were able to hold the suspects, Joshua Clay Arp (W/M, 30 YOA) and Nina Larie Jenkins (W-F, 35 YOA) until law enforcement arrived. Once Deputies and Detectives arrived on scene, both subjects were arrested. Both stolen Polaris UTVs' were recovered and turned over to their owners. Arp and Jenkins were initially charged with Theft by Receiving Stolen Property (F). As the investigation continues, more charges are pending against the pair. Due to the citizen involvement and tips along with rigorous investigative work, Detectives were also able to locate a truck that was stolen out of Paulding County over in Haralson County.



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**As a result of these individuals being arrested, Detectives were also able to solve multiple theft cases in both Paulding and Haralson Counties that Arp and Jenkins were responsible for. Sheriff Gary Gulledge stated, "I am thankful that our citizens were able to get their side by side back and we put two thieves in jail. I also want to encourage everyone to make sure to take photos and record pertinent information like the serial numbers and VIN numbers of expensive items."**

**If you have any information about this theft, the aforementioned arrested individuals, or any other theft please send a tip via the Paulding Sheriff app (find our app in the App Store or Google Play) or call the Paulding County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division at (770) 443-3015.**

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