



News Release

SCSO investigates theft of 19 boat motor assembly units

Seminole Co., (February 13, 2017) – The Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) is investigating the theft of 19 lower assembly units from boat motors that occurred over the past several weeks at two boat storage facilities located in unoccupied Oviedo. The assembly units are the lower part of an outboard engine which house the driveshaft that turns the propeller. Each unit weighs between 70 and 100 pounds and are valued at several thousand dollars each.

The first incident occurred on Jan. 14, 2017, at Boat Max USA located at 2953 Alafaya Trail, Oviedo. Video provided by the business showed two white males removing a lower assembly unit from a boat. The suspects stole a total of 13 units from the business. The second incident occurred sometime between Jan. 27 and Feb. 8, 2017, at Oviedo Boat and RV Storage located at 2385 W, S.R. 426, in Oviedo. A total of 6 units were stolen from the business. It appeared the suspects cut through fences at both locations to gain access to the properties.

Investigators say you can prevent the theft of your lower assembly unit by disconnecting the batteries to disable the trim / tilt function. The lower assembly unit cannot be removed if it can't be trimmed up, and the engines are down and touching the ground.

Video of the suspects removing a lower assembly unit from a boat motor at Boat Max USA can be viewed at [here](#).

The investigation is on-going. Anyone with information is asked to call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at (407) 665-6650 or Crimeline at (800) 423-TIPS (8477). Calls made to Crimeline remain anonymous, and tips that lead to the felony arrest of suspects and/or the recovery of stolen property and drugs are eligible for cash rewards of up to \$1,000 dollars.

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