



Kootenai County Sheriff's Department

Report for KCSD Incident 12-00630

Nature: THEFT

Address: 7182 N HUETTER RD

Location: 28

COEUR D'ALENE ID 83814

Offense Codes: NC

Received By: T.TAYLOR

How Received: T

Agency: KCSD

Responding Officers:

Responsible Officers: T.CAMPBELL

Disposition: ACT 01/09/12

When Reported: 10:23:00 01/09/12

Occurred Between: 01:00:00 01/09/12 and 02:00:00 01/09/12

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant: 51264

Last: AVISTA UTIL-
ITIES

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address: 1735 N 15TH ST

Race: Sex:

Phone: (208)769-1330

City: COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83814

Offense Codes

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed:

Additional Offense: NC Not Classified

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit :

T.CAMPBELL

2368

S.HICE

2383

Responsible Officer: T.CAMPBELL

Agency: KCSD

Received By: T.TAYLOR

Last Radio Log: **:**:** **/**/**

How Received: T Telephone

Clearance: 6 REPORT TAKEN

When Reported: 10:23:00 01/09/12

Disposition: ACT Date: 01/09/12

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 01:00:00 01/09/12

Misc Entry:

and: 02:00:00 01/09/12

Modus Operandi:

Description :

Method :

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	
01/10/12	Name	AVISTA UTILITIES,	VICTIM
01/10/12	Name	UNKNOWN - NO OTHER ID,	SUSPECT

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01/09/12	Name	AVISTA UTILITIES,	Complainant
01/09/12	Cad Call	09:55:42 01/09/12 THEFT	Initiating Call
01/10/12	Property	Equipment ELECTRICAL 15 kV 10000	DAMAGED
01/10/12	Property	Wire COPPER 2/0 & 250MCM 100	STOLEN
01/10/12	Property	Wire FENCE BARBED 10	DAMAGED
01/10/12	Property	RECORDING CD-PICTURES 0	SEIZED

Narrative

KCSD [XX]CRIME REPORT []INCIDENT REPORT

PRIMARY CRIME CODE/NAME: 18-7001, MALICIOUS INJURY TO PROPERTY (FELONY)

SECONDARY CRIME CODE/NAME: 18-2407(2), PETTY THEFT

LOCATION/PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: THE AVISTA ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION LOCATED AT 7182 X N. HUETTER RD. X W. BIG SKY DR., NEAR THE CITY OF CDA, IN KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO 83814. THE SUBSTATION IS ENCLOSED BY A HIGH CHAIN-LINK FENCE, TOPPED BY BARBED WIRE STRANDS, AND SECURED BY LOCKING ENTRY GATES.

ADDITIONAL NAMES/DESCRIPTIONS:

INJURIES: NO: YES: DESCRIBE:

PHOTOS/VIDEO TAKEN: NO: YES: X PHOTOGRAPHER I.D. : 2368

OFFENDER USING: A: D: C: N: X

RELATION TO VICTIM:

RELATED REPORT NUMBER(S):

NARRATIVE:

On 01/09/12 at approximately 1023 hours, Deputy S. Hice and I (Dep. T. Campbell) responded to the above listed location regarding a theft report. At the scene, we contacted an Avista repair crew who told us someone had cut away, and stolen, the copper ground wires from the substations transformer and switching apparatus. Because of the missing ground wires, the substation's system shorted, causing obvious damage to the above listed 15-kV arrestors and switches.

The crew explained they knew the damage occurred at approximately 0200 hours this morning because the data logs showed the system became unstable at this time. They pointed out how the copper ground wires had been severed and portions taken. They estimated that approximately 25-feet of 2/0 and 250 MCM copper wire had been taken. They could not provide a cost estimate for the damaged and missing equipment, but were confident it was in the thousands of dollars. They pointed out where a ground wire had been burnt through as the result of short circuiting and speculated this was likely the event that frightened the suspect(s) away. The crew remarked that the thief could easily have been electrocuted.

The Avista Crew had de-energized the substation and I was allowed to inspect the scene. I was advised to avoid unnecessary contact with the equipment since there could be additional damage that was not readily apparent.

I inspected and photographed the scene with my department issued digital camera.

I noted the barbed wire topping the chain-link fence had been freshly cut along the east side of the substation, suggesting the suspect had entered the enclosure at this location. Throughout the substation, I could see where the heavy gauge, stranded, copper wire, running from the metal supports and enclosures to the ground, had been cut away from at least eight locations. Some of the cuts appeared clean, but others were ragged, suggesting the suspect did not have the appropriate tools. At each cut, several feet of wire was missing.

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The Avista crew pointed out three 15-kV arrestors and associated switches had been damaged when the system became unstable and shorted out.

Dep. Hice located tire marks outside the fence, near where the barbed wire had been cut, that appeared to be from an ATV, but no tread patterns were evident in the coarse gravel and frozen soil. We found nothing else of evidentiary value at the scene.

I later contacted AVISTA and requested an estimate of the value of the damaged equipment, but none was available.

I later downloaded the images of the scene onto a compact disc and submitted it into KCSD Evidence. While downloading the images, I noticed the last several pictures I took had not been recorded, presumably because of low battery power.

DISPOSITION: IA

HOW NOTIFIED: Radio Call

GANG RELATED: N

Sgt. M. STREET
Approved By

01/10/12
Date

Property

Property Number: 12-00492

Item: Equipment

Brand: ELECTRICAL

Year: 0

Meas:

Total Value: \$10,000.00

Owner: AVISTA UTILITIES 51264

Agency: KCSD KOOTENAI COUNTY SHER-
IFF DEPT

Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00

UCR:

Local Status:

Crime Lab Number:

Date Released: **/**/**

Released By:

Released To:

Reason:

Comments:

SET OF THREE 15KV ARRESTORS AND THREE 15KV SWITCHES INSTALLED ON A TRANSFORMER AT AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION AND DAMAGED BY POWER SURGE. DAMAGE INCLUDES MELTING AND SCORCHING OF METAL PARTS AND DESTROYED INSULATION.

Property

Property Number: 12-00504

Item: Wire

Brand: COPPER

Year: 0

Meas:

Total Value: \$100.00

Owner: AVISTA UTILITIES 51264

Agency: KCSD KOOTENAI COUNTY SHER-
IFF DEPT

Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00

UCR:

Local Status:

Crime Lab Number:

Date Released: **/**/**

Released By:

Released To:

Owner Applied Nmbr:

Model: 15 kV

Quantity: 6

Serial Nmbr:

Color:

Tag Number:

Officer: T.CAMPBELL

UCR Status:

Storage Location:

Status Date: 01/09/12

Date Recov/Rcvd: **/**/**

Amt Recovered: \$0.00

Custody: **/**/** **/**/**

Owner Applied Nmbr:

Model: 2/0 & 250MCM

Quantity: 25

Serial Nmbr:

Color:

Tag Number:

Officer: T.CAMPBELL

UCR Status:

Storage Location:

Status Date: 01/10/12

Date Recov/Rcvd: **/**/**

Amt Recovered: \$0.00

Custody: **/**/** **/**/**

Reason:

Comments:

BARE COPPER GROUNDING WIRE, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 25-FEET IN VARIOUS LENGTHS,
AND CUT FROM MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Property

Property Number: 12-00509

Item: Wire

Brand: FENCE

Year: 0

Meas:

Total Value: \$10.00

Owner: AVISTA UTILITIES 51264

Agency: KCSD KOOTENAI COUNTY SHER-
IFF DEPT

Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00

UCR:

Local Status:

Crime Lab Number:

Date Released: **/**/**

Released By:

Released To:

Reason:

Comments:

BARBED WIRE STRANDS AT THE TOP OF CHAIN-LINK FENCE, CUT TO ALLOW ENTRY

Property

Property Number: 12-00528

Item: RECORDING

Brand: CD-PICTURES

Year: 0

Meas:

Total Value: \$0.00

Owner:

Agency: KCSD KOOTENAI COUNTY SHER-
IFF DEPT

Accum Amt Recov: \$0.00

UCR:

Local Status:

Crime Lab Number:

Date Released: **/**/**

Owner Applied Nbr:

Model: BARBED

Quantity: 2

Serial Nbr:

Color:

Tag Number:

Officer: T.CAMPBELL

UCR Status:

Storage Location:

Status Date: 01/09/12

Date Recov/Revd: **/**/**

Amt Recovered: \$0.00

Custody: **:*** **/**/**

Released By:

Amt Recovered: \$0.00

Released To:

Custody: **.*.*.* **/**/**

Reason:

Comments:

CD CONTAINING IMAGES OF SCENE