



MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Stolen Property case solved

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Sheriff Greg Bartlett reports that one Morgan County male resident was arrested for Theft of Property in the second degree, and one Morgan County female resident was arrested for Receiving Stolen Property in the second degree on Friday February 1, 2008.

The Morgan County Sheriff's Department responded to a theft of property call at the Oak Ridge Fire Department in December. The fire department had a Husqvarna chain saw, a Husqvarna leaf blower, a Homelite Demolition saw, and some gas cans stolen from the department. One of their own volunteer fire fighters was suspected in the theft. Dolen Wayne Cottingham of the Oak Ridge community was only a volunteer fire fighter for a short time, but after the thefts he stopped answering fire calls. Dolen Wayne Cottingham's wife pawned all of the items, except the gas cans, at Beltline Pawn. A search warrant was done on the Cottingham's residence, and the gas cans were recovered there. Dolen Cottingham and his wife Beth Cottingham gave Investigator King a detailed statement concerning their involvement in the incident, after signing a Miranda Warning. Dolen Wayne Cottingham was arrested for Theft of Property in the second degree on February 1, 2008, and his wife Beth Ann Cottingham was arrested for Receiving Stolen Property in the second degree on February 1, 2007.

About Morgan County Sheriff's Office

The Morgan County, Alabama Sheriff's Office is headed up by Sheriff Greg Bartlett. Sheriff Bartlett is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Morgan County.

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