

Crime Stoppers

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Crime Stoppers Week 28 May to 3 June 2019 Help Recover Stolen Goods in Devonport, Call Now!

The media is invited to a Crime Stoppers Week media event on stolen goods, as part of Crime Stoppers Week (28 May to 3 June 2019):

WHEN:	Friday 31 May 2019
WHERE:	Total Ag Solutions, 1 Marconi Court (previously named 37 Stony Rise Road), Devonport
TIME:	11:00 - 11:30am
SPOKESPERSON:	Mrs Lynn Mason, Deputy Chair, Crime Stoppers Tasmania Zac Hardman, Stock Controller, Total Ag Solutions Constable Philip Money, Tasmania Police

Information provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers can help police recover stolen goods and catch thieves.

In the early hours of 15th January and 20th February 2019 persons have entered *Total Ag Solutions*, 37 Stony Rise Road, Devonport.

On both occasions offenders have accessed a storage yard on the premises and stolen a Kubota rough terrain vehicle (RTV) pictured. Driving them away from the location at a total cost of over \$38 000.00.

Mr Zac Hardman, Stock Controller, Total Ag Solutions says the effects of these thefts are far greater than the lost stock. The impact on the business extends to fence repairs, increasing security, staff time, insurance claim excesses and higher insurance premiums.

“We have had to reorganise our yard to block access to the security fence with scrap steel, bins and crated goods and purchased high grade padlocks for internal gates,” said Mr Hardman.

“There are also concerns for the security of staff who may be working after hours,” he added.

Constable Phillip Money from the Devonport Criminal Investigation Branch advises that the stolen vehicles have not yet been recovered and public assistance can make all the difference to investigations.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chair, David Daniels OAM has urged the community to be wary when buying items second-hand, and if they have any information that will assist the Police to recover stolen goods and catch thieves to call Crime Stoppers now.

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It is not only important to prevent theft through security and awareness; but to be aware of suspicious behaviour around business properties and personal premises; and wary of purchasing 'second-hand' goods.

"It is essential that the public and Police work together to protect our community, and contacting Crime Stoppers is as simple as a call or a click," Mr Daniels added.

Everything Crime Stoppers does is to help create a safer Tasmania for our children, our families and for each other.

If you know something, say something.

Report anonymously: 1800 333 000 or www.crimestopperstas.com.au

For all emergencies call triple zero (000).

Stolen equipment from Total Ag Solutions



Kubota RTV-X900 Utility Vehicle



Kubota RTV 500 Utility Vehicle

Media Enquiries

For media inquiries please contact CRIME STOPPERS TASMANIA Deputy Chair, Ms Lynn Mason, on 0418 513 597 or Mariae Leckie Chief Executive Officer ceo@crimestopperstas.com.au.



Crime Stoppers Tasmania is a not for profit organisation. Help us keep your family and community safe.

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