



Fayette County Sheriff's Office

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Press Information

Sheriff's Investigators receive Regional and National award for breaking commercial equipment theft ring.

Fayette County Sheriff's Investigators David Gunter and Aaron Fenimore received the 2011 LoJack Award which was presented at the Southeast Chapter of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators Conference banquet last night.

The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) has also announced that these same investigators will also be awarded national recognition at the IAATI national conference in August.

The award was presented for their outstanding work on a complex commercial equipment theft ring. This case was initiated by a Caterpillar bulldozer theft where the LoJack Stolen Vehicle Recovery System was used to locate the property. The quick response of the Sheriff's Office's Aviation Unit, Hawk One, to a LoJack activation signal led the investigators to the location of the stolen equipment. Instead of just locating the bulldozer and arresting the defendants, Investigators Gunter and Fenimore used initiative and extremely good police work to investigate further. This included spending ten (10) days executing a search warrant identifying numerous pieces of commercial equipment and parts. As a result of their actions, a large commercial equipment theft ring was broken. In all a total of nineteen (19) pieces of stolen equipment and vehicles valued at \$ 2,192,500.00 were recovered and seven (7) arrests were made as a result of the investigation.

The professionalism and dedication of Investigators Gunter and Fenimore is to be commended and represents the true meaning of the LoJack Award.

