Suspects Arrested in Metal Theft Case

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For Immediate Release:

On January 27, 2011, Sutter County Sheriff's Department arrested four people in connection to theft of a tractor, water tank and various scrap metal thefts valued at over \$25,000.

On December 13, 2010, Sutter County Sheriff's Department responded to the 100 block of West Catlett Road, Nicolaus for a reported theft of a John Deere Tractor valued at \$18,000. On January 13, 2011, Sutter County Sheriff's Department responded back again for a reported theft of a large water tank and various scrap metal valued at approximately \$10,000.

Sutter County Sheriff's Deputies developed information which led them to a business known as "Junkyard Joes" who was suspected of various metal thefts that were occurring in the Nicolaus, Pleasant Grove, North Sacramento County, and South West Placer County areas.

Investigation into the thefts led to a traffic stop being placed on the vehicle being operated by the business. The driver, **Nathan Sherrill**, 36 of Sacramento, was arrested for driving on a suspended license and released. The passenger, **Patti Deann Johnson**, 26 of Rio Linda and the owner of Junkyard Joes, was arrested for her involvement in the water tank and scrap metal theft at the West Catlett Road address.

As the investigation continued, **Aaron Andrew Phillips**, 41 of Sacramento was also arrested for his involvement with the theft of the water tank and scrap metal. Phillips was also arrested for his involvement with the theft of the John Deere tractor.

Deputies responded to the 1300 block of Main Street in Sacramento and made contact with **Regina Marie Phillips**, 38, the wife of Aaron Phillips. While at the address, Regina Phillips was taken into custody for her involvement in the stolen tractor. She was also arrested for operating a stolen vehicle which was reported stolen out of Sacramento Police Department.

The investigation is ongoing and further arrests are anticipated. Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to contact the Sutter County Sheriff's Department at (530) 822-7307.

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