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\$25,000 in Stolen Copper Recovered by Tulsa County Sheriff's Deputies

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After receiving tips from Tulsa area recyclers, today, Tulsa County Sheriff's Deputies, assisted by Tulsa Police Officers recovered \$25,000 in stolen copper pipe. Thirty-six year old Maxwell House was booked into the David L. Moss Criminal Justice Center today on charges of Possession of Stolen Copper After former Conviction of a Felony, Eluding, and a Public Intoxication Warrant.

The case began April 30, 2008, when TCSO Investigator Jim Wolfe was contacted by employees of one of the Tulsa area metal recyclers who told him somebody had just tried to sell them a U-Haul truck full of copper pipe. They believed the pipe to be stolen and refused to buy it. They told Wolfe a second recycler had also refused to buy the pipe.

Wolfe contacted all area recyclers and asked them to be on the lookout for the truck and pipe. Today, an employee of Tulsa Auto Core at 1130 N. Lewis contacted Wolfe and told him the truck was at their business.

TCSO Deputies and TPD Officers responded to the scene. Maxwell House fled the scene but was eventually found hiding under a truck and arrested.

The copper was found to have been stolen from a hotel construction site in Broken Arrow. The pipe, when stolen, had a retail value of \$25,000. A passenger in the U-Haul was briefly questioned and released when it was discovered he had no involvement in the theft.