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Tomball Police Department Arrest Three Copper Thieves

A night of criminal activity ends up being "not-so" productive for three thieves. On Wednesday, September 02, 2009 at approximately 0230 hrs, Corporal Jimmy Harral, while patrolling his district, observed a suspicious vehicle with no lights on in the rear parking lot of 715 East Main Street, an undeveloped shopping plaza.

District oriented policing allows officers to easily recognize abnormal activity within their assigned districts. Immediately upon observing the suspicious vehicle in the parking lot, Corporal Harral turned his patrol unit around to make contact with the occupants of the vehicle. The vehicle immediately left the parking lot, turning onto Main Street, along with a second vehicle. Corporal Harral then attempted to stop these vehicles in the 700 block of East Main Street, at which time the suspects disregarded the emergency lights and continued on Main Street before coming to a stop in the 1000 block of West Main.

Pursuant to the traffic stop, Corporal Harral noticed a spool of copper wire in the bed of one of the pick-up trucks. Assisting officers then went to check the location in which the subjects were observed and noticed that the copper electrical wiring for the entire building had been removed and cut into sections. Upon investigation, officers were able to determine that the subjects cut the wiring directly from the electrical switch and removed it from the building. The value of the wire was said to be approximately \$5000.

William Lisembee, 24 years old of Conroe, John Traham, 18 years old of Cleveland, and Darrell Parson, 25 years old of Cleveland were all arrested at the scene and charged with Felony Theft.