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### **THEIVES SELECT POOR LOCATION FOR CRIME**

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (February 8, 2011) Note to thieves: if you are going to a location to steal copper, you may want to select a location where police officers aren't training their K-9. Four subjects from Portsmouth apparently did not get the memo and are currently in custody.

Suffolk Police advise that yesterday members of the department's K-9 unit were at a city owned, former transmitter site in the 3900 block of Sleepy Hole Road. This site is used by several city departments, including the police department, for training and storage. At about 1:30 p.m., a police lieutenant noticed a suspicious vehicle on the property. When officers went to check the vehicle out, they found a man sans clothes inside the vehicle.

Further investigation revealed that the subject was at the location with three other people to steal copper, when he fell into a hole and got wet. He advised police that he had removed his clothes and gotten into the vehicle to warm up. Police were able to quickly locate the other three subjects hiding in the woods on the property.

Taken into custody were Ingo Curlett, age 48, Stephen Liberato, age 45, Roberta Wilkins, age 52, and Wilbur Wilkins, age 53. All of the subjects reside in the

3400 block of George Washington Highway in Portsmouth. Police have charged all four with grand larceny, larceny with intent to steal, possession of burglary tools, conspiracy to commit a felony and trespassing.

All four are currently incarcerated at Western Tidewater Regional Jail. Curlett and Roberta Wilkins are being held with no bond.

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