

Costly storage unit theft investigated locally

**(KAIR)--Several thousands of dollars worth of items are missing after someone forced their way into Atchison County-based storage units.**

**The units are located at 405 South 4th Street, in Lancaster. “One of the doors was pried on, then there were probably four handles that were actually cut, probably with some type of bolt cutter. Then the padlocks on a couple were cut. I think when they cut the handle, they were able to remove the padlock by cutting the handle,” Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie told MSC News. He said the report about the crime was made to his office Saturday morning by the owner of the units, Muscotah resident Jimmie Weaver. “The owner of the facilities was there mowing, and that’s when he realized the handles and padlocks were cut on numerous units, about six of them. One of the doors was pried on, then there were probably four handles that were actually cut, probably with some type of bolt cutter. Then the padlocks on a couple were cut. I think when they cut the handle, they were able to remove the padlock by cutting the handle,”**

**One of the storage unit patrons reported that he was missing a number of items, including scaffolding, a table saw, and a miter saw. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.**

**No other items have been reported missing, but the investigation continues. “We don’t have any suspects at this point,” Laurie said.**

**Anyone with information about the crime should contact the Atchison County Sheriff’s Office at 913-804-6080.**

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