

Costly mower theft sparks investigation

(KAIR)--The search for suspects is launched following the theft of a high-dollar lawn mower from an Atchison County business.

The John Deere Z994R zero turn mower was stolen from Heritage Tractor, located at 17528 286th Road.

Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie told MSC News it's believed the theft occurred between Friday night, August 23, and Monday morning, August 26. "We're working with Heritage Tractor to try to narrow it down to the exact day and time of when it was missing," Laurie said. "Also checking to see if there's any type of [surveillance] video available in the area, as well as at the location."

The report of the theft was made to the Sheriff's Office on Thursday. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

According to Laurie, the mower had been parked outside of the business at the time it was taken. "It was actually located right outside the front doors," Laurie said. "They do have some security system in place for that equipment that is left outside on a regular basis, so we're trying to figure out what the issue was there, as well as why it wasn't alarmed at that time."

The investigation is ongoing, and no suspects are immediately identified by investigators.

Anyone with information pertaining to the theft should contact the Atchison County Sheriff's Office at 913-804-6080.

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