

Stolen fire truck recovered

(KMZA)--A stolen fire truck from Pawnee County, Nebraska has been recovered.

The 2004 Chevy Silverado 2500 was stolen last June from the Burchard Volunteer Fire Department.

Deputies from Pawnee County suspected the vehicle was being kept on a property in rural Lancaster County.

The Nebraska State Patrol's Airwing did a flyover of the property on Tuesday and confirmed the stolen truck was there.

Deputies contacted the property owner and located multiple items stolen from the truck inside the house—including the vehicle's light bar, fire masks, radios and hose nozzles.

Lancaster County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Ben Houchin told KOLN-TV that the property owner is cooperating with investigators, but it's not known how the truck ended up on the property.

25-year-old Shelby Watkins, of Omaha, had previously been arrested by the Pawnee County Sheriff's Department in connection with fire truck theft.

The Sheriff's Office says hundreds of hours were spent on the case

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