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PRESS RELEASE **10/22/2007** **CASTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

On 10/21/2007, Castle Rock Police officers responded to a burglary report at Cowlitz River Customs in the 100 block of Huntington AVE in Castle Rock. Business owners stated that sometime during the previous night someone had broken in and stolen approximately \$13,000 worth of automotive and specialty tools. The suspects also did approximately \$1,000.00 in damage to gain entry to the business.

Business owners later received a call from an ex employee, Kevin T. Jeffers, who stated that he would return the tools in exchange for money he thought he was owed in back wages. Business owner Steven Ikerd made arrangements to meet Jeffers on 10/22/2007 to exchange the tools for \$370.00 in cash. Castle Rock Police Officers set up on the business and waited for Jeffers to arrive.

At 1700 hours on 10/22/2007, Jeffers arrived in a van with the stolen tools. Ikerd exchanged the money with Jeffers, who then began to unload the tools. Castle Rock Police officers moved in and took Jeffers into custody for 1st degree possession of stolen property, 1st degree trafficking stolen property, and 2nd degree extortion. Jeffers was booked into jail on \$50,000.00 bail.

Thomas L. Delano, who arrived with Jeffers, was also taken into custody on a Washington Department of Corrections Felony Warrant for escape.