



## NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 16-6392

On April 26, 2016, the Portage Department of Public Safety responded to the parking lot of Eve's Salon and Spa, located at 7117 S. Westnedge, in reference to a backhoe that was reported stolen.

The owner of the backhoe reported that the backhoe had been parked there for several months because it had been used for snow removal. When the owner checked on the backhoe on April 26, he noticed it was missing, he stated it had been in the parking lot approximately one week prior to him reporting it missing.

By viewing video of the area, it was determined that the backhoe had been taken on Sunday, April 20, between 12:15 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Attached with this press release are photos of the suspects and their vehicles as they are removing the backhoe. The Portage Department of Public Safety is requesting assistance in identifying the suspects responsible for taking the backhoe.

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Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, [www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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