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NEW RULES TO GO INTO EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 1 TO THWART SCRAP METAL THEFT

COLUMBUS – New rules will go into effect on February 1 that are intended to assist law enforcement and the scrap metal industry in their efforts to combat the effects of scrap metal theft.

As part of Ohio’s Scrap Metal Law (SB 193) that was passed in the summer of 2012, use of searchable electronic lists - more commonly referred to as the “Do Not Buy List” - and the *Dealer Daily Transaction Database* will become required for scrap metal dealers starting Sunday.

The “Do Not Buy List” consists of names and other related information of individuals who have been convicted of theft offenses. Scrap metal dealers will use this resource to ensure they are in compliance with Ohio law and it is also available to law enforcement officials to assist in investigations.

“With these rules in place, I am confident that we will see a reduction in this type of crime across Ohio, especially when criminals realize that there is no money in this enterprise,” said Ohio Homeland Security Executive Director Richard Baron. “Although these rules are designed to help law enforcement combat scrap metal theft, the engagement of the general public is also vital to help stop this crime from continuing. So, if you see something, say something.”

The *Dealer Daily Transaction Database* allows registered scrap dealers to transmit the applicable business transaction data to a central repository, making this information available to law enforcement from virtually any device with an Internet connection. This component provides law enforcement with a unique tool listing all non-exempt business transactions, including seller information and photo, vehicles associated with the transactions, images of the government identification cards used, and a complete description of the transaction from all registered dealers throughout Ohio.

If You See Something, Say Something™. Contact Ohio Homeland Security at 1-877-OHS-INTEL or for emergencies, call 911.

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