

The following information relates to a recent local theft. The goal here is to learn if anyone saw any of these tractors, car, or engines, or the red Peterbilt truck pulling a double-drop detachable gooseneck trailer with a piece of equipment on it, the morning of Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. It would be helpful also if we knew which direction it was heading, assuming it departed on U.S. 24. This was apparently a well-organized event, with multiple perpetrators, carried out in the light of day. Folks need to be extra vigilant when protecting their own assets, and keep an eye out for anything suspicious.

I would ask anyone to contact Dean McCloskey at 765-432-7844, so he can pass it on to the proper authorities. (These items did not belong to McCloskeys; he is assisting and making us aware of the situation.)

Also, a skid loader was stolen recently in close proximity of where the other items were.

## STOLEN TRACTORS, CAR, & ENGINES

On Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at approximately 8:30 A.M., it was discovered the following tractors, car, and engines were stolen from an unattended barn, northeast of Peru, Indiana.

- Case model C, grey, nice restoration, good rubber, pin striping
- Case model CC, grey, older restoration, decent rubber
- Case model L, faded orange, steel wheels w/ rubber tread
- Case 2390 w/ cab, 2400 hours, missing starter, dry rotted rear tires, CB radio, loose headliner
- 1956 Cadillac Super 60, 4-door, lime green/white top
- 5 H.P. Economy gas engine, faded original red paint, new muffler
- 3 H.P. John Deere model E gas engine, faded paint
- International walking plow

A neighbor viewed a semi with flashing amber lights parked on the road. The semi was a red Peterbilt tri-axle (tandem axle w/ tag) with a sleeper, possibly a model 378 or model 379. It was towing a black, detachable, double drop, lowboy trailer with approximately a 20 ft. deck.

There was also a white “service” or “maintenance” truck at the scene. It was possibly an International 4900 series truck.

Also spotted near the area prior to this, was a 2-tone grey, Ford pickup, with guys asking if anyone had any scrap for sale.

Due to the location and the non-running condition of the items, it is believed a piece of machinery may have been brought to the site, and utilized to pull the items from the barn, and push or lift them onto trucks or trailers.

It is possible these items went straight to a salvage yard, or perhaps will show up for sale either online, or a consignment auction. It is also possible they were hauled to a “staging” area, to be further broken apart for scrap value.

If you have any information about this, please contact the Miami County Sheriff’s Department at: 765-472-1322