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### **Engaging in Organized Crime- Theft of Property = >\$100K<\$200K**

Date: August 1, 2014 – September 17, 2014

Location: Caterpillar Plant- Seguin, Texas

**Seguin, TX** -- On August 26, 2014, Seguin Police Detectives were contacted by a Caterpillar investigator regarding a possible large scale theft that was occurring at the Caterpillar plant in Seguin. Detectives were informed by the investigator that a business owner of a diesel repair shop in Houston purchased 107 C7 and C9 Caterpillar Diesel Injectors on August 1 from a male named Jessie Daniels, from Luling Texas. The 107 diesel injectors were valued at approximately \$83,000 and sold to the shop owner for approximately \$12,000. The shop owner contacted Caterpillar believing the injectors could be stolen. All 107 injector were compared and cross referenced by serial number with Caterpillar's inventory and determined they belonged to Caterpillar. The injectors were to be used by Caterpillar during engine assembly and not sold to the public.

Seguin Police Detectives, with assistance from Texas Ranger Joey Evans, contacted the shop owner and recovered the 107 diesel injectors. During the investigation, an arrest warrant was obtained for Jessie James Daniel 32, of Luling, for Theft of Property \$20K<\$100K. As the investigation continued, it was determined that Daniels wanted to sell the shop owner another 100 diesel injectors. Seguin Detectives and Texas Ranger Joey Evans conducted a several day operation to arrest Daniels for the active warrant and recover the new injectors he was trying to sell at this time.

On September 10, 2014 at 1:15 p.m., Seguin Detectives and Ranger Evans completed the operation by arresting Daniels for the active warrant when he arrived at the Buccee's in New Braunfels to sell the 100 injectors. Seguin Detectives also obtained a search warrant for Daniels' cellular telephone to search the phone for evidence to identify his supplier of the injectors, believed to be a Caterpillar employee(s). During an inventory of his vehicle, the 100 diesel injectors were found inside of the vehicle he was driving. These 100 diesel injectors were also identified as belonging to Caterpillar and to be used for engine assembly at the plant in Seguin.

During the interview with Daniels and executing the search warrant on Daniels' cellular telephone, information was obtained to issue arrest warrants for 3 more individuals, identified as Gary Wayne Sanders Jr (31) of Seguin, Christopher Lee Cook (39), of Cibolo, and Saul Martinez (27) of Seguin. All three are employees of Caterpillar. Since more than three individuals were involved, all working in concert with each other to steal and sell the stolen Caterpillar diesel injectors; the charge of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity was applied. The amount of stolen property was now at approximately \$160,000.00, making the charge of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity-Theft of Property =>\$100K<\$200K, a first degree felony.

On September 12, 2014, Seguin Detectives and Ranger Evans arrested Sanders, Cook, and Martinez for Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity-Theft of Property =>\$100K<\$200K. The investigation continued and Detectives obtained information to issue arrest warrants for 5 more Caterpillar employees, identified as Edgar Perez-Tellez (25) of San Marcos, Danielle Delagarza (26) of Seguin, Kyle Bice (27) of Seguin, Robert Leslie Crouch (28) of Seguin, and Jesus Eduardo Baeza-Diaz (23), of San Marcos. All were booked into the Guadalupe County Jail with a set bond of \$200,000.

It was believed that these individuals had been committing thefts from Caterpillar since July, 2014. A Caterpillar investigator assisted during the investigation and allowed Seguin Police Detectives and Ranger Evans to enter their facility to make these arrests without incident. We also worked with prosecutors from the Guadalupe County District Attorney Offices on this case.

#### Offender Information

**Jessie James Daniel 32 of Seguin**  
**Gary Wayne Sanders Jr (31) of Seguin**  
**Christopher Lee Cook (39) of Cibolo**  
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**Edgar Perez-Tellez (25) of San Marcos**  
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To Obtain booking images: <http://judicial.co.guadalupe.tx.us/JailingSearch.aspx?ID=600>

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#### Notes:

Caterpillar has asked not to go to the plant locations in Seguin and to contact Barbara Cox for any Caterpillar related questions.