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POLICE SEEK INFORMATION RELATED TO AIR CONDITIONING UNIT COPPER THEFTS

Clearwater, Fla. – Since October 19, 2009, there have been at least seventeen (17) air conditioning unit thefts / copper thefts that appear to be related. The incidents occurred at businesses (11), churches (4), schools (1), and residences (1). In most cases, the air conditioning units were located in the back of the business or in a secluded area. In two cases, the air conditioning units were located on the roofs of the buildings. In only one case, the building (business) was vacant.

The thefts were originally occurring mostly in the Sunset Point Road / North Highland Avenue area. The latest thefts are in the Gulf to Bay Boulevard / Cleveland Street area. A map with incident locations and information is attached.

The thefts appear to be occurring during the nighttime hours. Anyone with information about any of the thefts is asked to call Clearwater Police Tip Line at 727-562-4080 (press 2). You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-873- TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at: www.crimestoppersofpinellas.org or texting a tip to CRIMES (274637) – type in TIP144 and the information.

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