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Reward offered for information about stolen solar panels

Loss impacts cattle and wildlife

KINGMAN, Ariz. – Mohave County Silent Witness and the Mohave Sportsman Club are offering a reward in an effort to catch the individual or individuals responsible for the theft of solar panels on the Cane Springs Ranch southeast of Kingman.

The panels are used to power a pump for a waterhole that services both cattle and wildlife, including mule deer and javelina.

The first theft occurred near Christmas or New Year's and a second theft occurred around Memorial Day.

"People are going out of their way to steal these panels," said Lainie Antolik, Arizona Game and Fish wildlife manager for Unit 16A. "These panels service water that is critical to ranch operations and provide an accessible water supply for wildlife. We'd like to catch the thieves responsible."

The most recent theft of panels occurred along Highway 93 near mile marker 106. These thefts may, or may not, be related to other thefts in the area, including a generator, solar panels, a water pump, and copper wiring at Yellow Pine Ranch, which neighbors Cane Springs.

"These areas are remote and we need the help of the public to catch these criminals," Antolik said. "It's likely someone has talked about these exploits and such information can help us prevent future vandalism and theft."

Mohave County Silent Witness is offering a reward of at least \$500 and Mohave Sportsman Club \$250 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

Anyone with information regarding these thefts is asked to contact Mohave County Silent Witness at (928) 753-1234 or (888) 227-8780. Callers will remain anonymous.

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