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## Detectives host trailer stamping event in Ravenel

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – Charleston County Sheriff's Office detectives will offer a free trailer stamping event Saturday in Ravenel as a way to fight thefts of the high-dollar property.

The event runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at E.B. Ellington Elementary School, 5540 Old Jacksonboro Road, Ravenel. Residents can get the free "owner-applied number" stamped onto their own trailers with a special device. This, along with the trailers' VIN and serial numbers, will be entered into our records system.

The TIP event, or Trailer Identification Project, is free to anyone who wants to make their own trailer more identifiable if it's ever stolen. If a trailer's VIN or serial number is known to law enforcement before a theft, the chances of its recovery are greater. The owner-applied number further increases the chances of recovery by making it harder for thieves to trade or sell the stolen property. This number will be engraved on the trailer frame and in a secondary hidden location.

Detectives recently investigated the thefts of two trailers from the Awendaw area. Their investigation led to a suspect and a home where stolen items were located, including the two stolen trailers. One of the trailers had been stamped at a CCSO event five years ago, helping the detectives identify it as belonging to the victim in Awendaw. More info:

<https://sheriff.charlestoncounty.org/news/2023/ccso-seeks-tips-in-awendaw-trailer-thefts.pdf>

Participants also will have a chance to enter a free drawing for a Proven Industries trailer coupler lock valued at \$245! We thank Hawk Services Towing & Recovery for donating the prize.

Members of the public who need more information about the event can contact CCSO Detective Mike Thompson at 843-554-2471 or Detective Will Martin at 843-529-5327.

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Detective Thompson will be available for news media interviews throughout this week. Please contact the PIO.



*A trailer is stamped during a CCSO collaborative trailer stamping event in November in Ladson.*

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# FREE TRAILER STAMPING EVENT

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## TIP TRAILER IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

**SATURDAY MARCH 25**  
8 AM - 4 PM  
**EB ELLINGTON ELEMENTARY**  
5540 OLD JACKSONBORO RD.  
RAVENEL

**ALLOWS QUICKER RECOVERY IN CASE OF THEFT!**



**ENTER TO WIN**  
PROVEN TRAILER LOCK  
PROVIDED BY HAWK SERVICES



*Flyer for event scheduled for March 25 in Ravenel.*

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