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PRESS RELEASE **Stolen Metals Arrest**

A joint investigation between the North Kingstown Police Detective Division and AMTRAK Police Investigators resulted in the arrest of Louis M Pelcher (age 40) of 6101 Post Rd #64. Pelcher was charged by the North Kingstown Police Department with 6 counts of Larceny Over \$1,500. North Kingstown Police Department Detective Donald Barrington developed information that Pelcher was involved in several thefts of catalytic converters from area businesses. AMTRAK Police Investigators joined the investigation when they identified Pelcher with stealing a large amount of metal from area railroad tracks. A court authorized search warrant was subsequently executed at Pelcher's home where numerous stolen metals from AMTRAK were recovered.

The total value of the catalytic converters stolen from North Kingstown businesses is valued at \$15,000. AMTRAK estimates the value of metal stolen by Pelcher is \$35,000.

Pelcher was taken into custody as a result of an arrest warrant for the above thefts on June 11, 2015 and is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon at 3rd Division District Court.

North Kingstown Police Detectives and AMTRAK Investigators are currently working with several police departments around the state to determine if Pelcher is responsible for similar crimes.

Detective Lt. Christopher Emerson