

Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit (WWATU) detectives received a tip of a possible stolen pickup cab behind a fence at an abandoned car wash on Harper Avenue in Detroit. Detectives were able to obtain the VIN of the truck and determined it to be stolen. A search warrant was obtained, and WWATU raided the facility. Detectives found a chop shop and identified ten newer model Ford F-250 and F-350 pickups as stolen. All were missing the engines and transmissions. Vehicles were stolen between 7/3/06 and 4/28/07 from the cities of Detroit, Taylor, and Southfield, and the townships of Northville and Redford. A suspect was developed as a result of the raid.