

A 1996 Ford F250 was reported stolen by a woman who claimed her ex-husband may still have it. Acting on a HEAT tip, the Grand Rapids Team went to the ex-husband's residence and observed a red Ford pickup parked behind his repair shop next door. The ex-husband indicated that he had built a 1994 Ford F250 from three other trucks. The door locks were missing, the federal sticker was missing, and the public VIN was different than the other manufacturer's VIN stickers.

The public VIN came back as a 1994 Ford F150, so the vehicle was impounded as a retag over the ex-husband's objections. An inspection found the confidential VIN, and it came back as the stolen Ford F250. The ex-husband was arrested for insurance fraud.