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OMCC OFFICER RECOVERS TWO STOLEN TRAILERS IN SAME WEEK

MIAMI, FLORIDA - Colonel David Dees, Director of the Florida Department of Transportation's Office of Motor Carrier Compliance (OMCC), announces the recovery of two stolen commercial trailers totaling a combined value of approximately \$43,000.

On October 23, 2009, an OMCC Officer assigned to the Miami Area Tactical Operations Multi-Agency Cargo Anti Theft Squad (TOMCATS) noticed an abandoned 53 foot refrigeration trailer on the side of NW 36th Avenue in Miami-Dade County. The Officer noticed that the trailer (2008 model) was missing a refrigeration unit along with one of the rear sliding axles. A statewide check of the trailer's Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) revealed that the trailer had been stolen from the Davie, Florida area earlier in the month. After being processed, the trailer was returned to its owner.

On October 28, 2009, our same TOMCATS Officer conducted an investigation of an empty 1999 flatbed trailer parked alongside a street in the North Miami Beach area. A Nationwide check of this trailer's VIN revealed that it had been stolen from Forrest City, Arizona just three days prior. At the time of theft, the flatbed was loaded with over 40,000 pounds of aluminum T-bars.

OMCC/TOMCATS Officers are working on follow-up investigations with all agencies involved and ask that if anyone has information on these or other commercial vehicle thefts, please contact our office at (305) 499-2298 or your local Law Enforcement Agency.

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