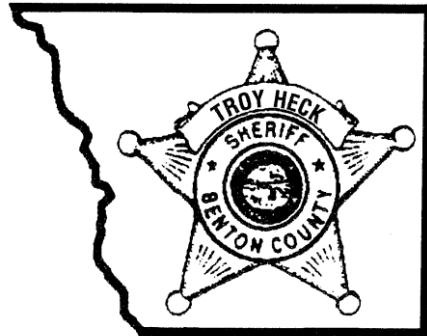


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## PRESS RELEASE

**DATE: 05-23-18**

### AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is seeking information concerning a stolen boat that was recovered in Watab Township.

On 05-18-18 at about 12:30 pm a citizen called the Benton County Sheriff's Office to report that he had found a boat and trailer parked on a walking path at Bend in the River Park in Watab Township. A deputy was sent to the area and did locate a 2018 Skeeter fiberglass boat on a tandem axle trailer. The deputy discovered that the boat was missing its outboard motor, trolling motor, battery, and electronic fishing accessories. The deputy noted that the suspect(s) had cut into the boat in order to remove some of these electronic items. Further investigation into this boat led to the discovery that it had been stolen from a business in Elk River sometime between the afternoon of 05-17-18 and the morning of 05-18-18. Investigators learned that at the time of the theft, the boat was equipped with a 250 hp outboard motor. Investigators suspect that the boat was stolen from Elk River, brought to the Benton County area, stripped of its motors and electronics, and then abandoned on the walking path at Bend in the River Park.

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone who may have seen this boat or anyone with information about this crime to contact the Benton County Sheriff's Office at (320) 968-7201 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at (800) 255-1301, [www.tricountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.tricountycrimestoppers.org).

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