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# PRESS RELEASE

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## AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance in solving three thefts that occurred at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

On August 3rd, 2023 at about 12:45 pm the Benton County Sheriff's Office received a theft report from a vendor at the Benton County Fair. The vendor, Epicure, occupied an outside rental space near the Discover Building on the fairgrounds. Epicure staff reported that sometime between closing their booth during the evening hours of August 2nd and opening their booth during the morning hours of August 3rd, an unknown person stole several bags of pasta from within their booth.

While investigating this crime, deputies learned that two other vendors on the fairgrounds had been broken into during the overnight hours of August 2nd to August 3rd. Deputies learned the Ubetcha MN Grill had suffered damage to their building on the fairgrounds resulting from suspect(s) forcing entry into the building. Once inside, the suspect(s) damaged equipment within the building. No loss of money or property was reported at the Ubetcha MN Grill.

The Maid Rite building at the fairgrounds was the third vendor targeted by thieves overnight between August 2nd and August 3rd. Investigating deputies found suspect(s) forced their way into the Maid Rite building. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole the start up cash found within the building.

Deputies are actively investigating these crimes. Anyone with information about these crimes or the suspect(s) is asked to contact the Benton County Sheriff's Office at (320) 968-7201 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at (800) 255-1301, www.tricountycrimestoppers.org.

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