



# GOODS RECOVERED FROM DELTA HIGH SCHOOL BURGLARY



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A little more than a month ago, the Alaska State Troopers in Delta Junction began investigating a burglary of the local high school. More than \$100,000 worth of computers, laptops, monitors and a surveillance system were taken in the heist — for a total of more than 50 items. The school incurred more than \$6,000 worth of damage during the break in investigated by troopers.

Fairbanks Alaska Bureau of Investigation Sgt. David Willson, who is known for his computer savvy, was able to find a Delta Junction eBay seller advertising a half of a dozen laptops for sale. The specifications of the computers on eBay matched the stolen computers from the school. A computer was then positively identified by a school employee. This information was enough for investigators with the Alaska Bureau of Investigation’s Computer and Financial Crimes Unit to secure funds and purchase items to begin tracking them back to the seller. The items purchased by investigators were confirmed to be the stolen electronics from the school.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service joined in the investigation early on to provide investigative support by tracking shipments, money orders and delivery confirmations throughout the United States.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, FBI and University of Alaska Fairbanks Police Department joined the investigation to assist with the execution of search warrants in Delta Junction.

The operation led to the recovery of all but a handful of the stolen goods from the high school burglary. One 16-year old suspect was identified and interviewed. Evidence found at the suspect’s residence led to the discovery of a cache of computer equipment located in the woods in a remote area near Delta Junction. As a result of the discovery, the juvenile was taken into custody and arrested for charges that include Burglary, Criminal Mischief and dozens of counts of Theft in the Second Degree.



**This stack of equipment was collected as evidence during an investigation into the theft from the high school in Delta Junction.**

The operation took hundreds of investigative hours contributed by approximately a dozen Alaska State and Wildlife Troopers and multiple agents from other law enforcement agencies. Inv. Angela Womack, with the ABI Computer and Financial Crimes Unit, and Postal Inspector Matt Hoffman led the investigation and continue to investigate the Burglary.

“This investigation is just one example of the intra- and interagency cooperation that has proven successful in many investigations throughout the state. Personnel assigned to the Alaska Bureau of Investigation are co-located with our local, state and federal law enforcement partners where the opportunities for collaboration is fostered and encouraged. Alaska State Troopers value our partnerships with other agencies and recognize the valuable contribution each agency made towards the success of this case,” said Capt. John Papasodora, commander of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation.



**This cache of stolen goods was discovered in the woods behind a house that was under construction.**



**Evidence collected from a cache located in the woods near Delta Junction.**