

License found at scene leads to theft charges

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A Nebraska driver's license, left at the scene of where a reported theft occurred in rural Gothenburg, led Lincoln County law enforcement officials to the alleged thief.

On April 25, Lincoln County sheriff deputies were asked to respond to an alleged theft in the area of Wahlgren and Banner Road, southeast of Brady.

The victim of the alleged theft reported a trencher was missing parts as well as about 600 feet of wire on a spool. Deputies said the value of the items taken was more than \$2,500.

At the scene, deputies located a Nebraska driver's license that had been issued to 37-year-old Gothenburg resident Edwin L. Imler.

They said the victim of the theft did not know Mr. Imler.

On May 1, the North Platte Police Department arrested Imler on a Dawson County warrant.

Lincoln County sheriff deputies interviewed Imler and reported that Imler said he did not remember taking the items. However they said Imler did admit to being in the area during the time of the theft.

Imler was charged with felony theft and jailed in the Lincoln County Detention Center.