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Additional Arrest Made in MALTB Investigation of Indianola Airport Theft

JACKSON, Miss. – This week, an arrest was made and vehicle recovered that has been linked to an ongoing Mississippi Agriculture and Livestock Theft Bureau (MALTB) investigation.

On December 20, 2024, the Sunflower County Sheriff's Department took a report of a stolen 1976 Piper Cub airplane that had been reported stolen from the Indianola Airport. MALTB investigators were asked to assist. MALTB previously worked a case at the Indianola Airport where a stolen tractor and side-by-side were recovered.

Based on information provided during the investigation, a Corvette was stopped by the Madison Police Department (MPD) for a traffic violation on Interstate 55 in the city of Madison. The MPD officer collected information that determined the Corvette was reported stolen out of Alabama.

The driver of the stolen Corvette, 43-year-old Barrett Duet Cochran of Indianola, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property, possession of a controlled substance and possession of a stolen firearm with controlled substance. After interviewing Cochran, it was determined she is the girlfriend of suspect Christopher Douglas Showah, who was arrested by MALTB and charged with the stolen tractor and side-by-side from the Indianola Airport. After further questioning, it was determined that the Corvette was tied to the stolen 1976 Piper Cub Airplane.

MALTB Director Dean Barnard would like to commend the MALTB investigators, Sunflower County Sheriff's Department and Madison Police Department for their continued effort and assistance in the ongoing theft case and recovery of property.

Report theft to your local law enforcement: **Mississippi Agriculture & Livestock Theft Bureau** by calling **1-800-678-2660**, or the **Central Mississippi Crime Stoppers** by calling **601-355-TIPS (8477)**. All calls remain anonymous, and you could be eligible for a reward upon arrest and conviction.

The Mississippi Agriculture and Livestock Theft Bureau, the law enforcement division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, enforces state laws pertaining to the theft of cattle, horses, swine, poultry, fish, farm equipment, chemicals, timber and all other farm or agriculture-related crimes. Visit <http://msagtheft.org/> to learn more about the MALTB.

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Photos attached.



Barrett Duet Cochran of Sunflower County was arrested and linked to an ongoing Mississippi Agriculture and Livestock Theft Bureau investigation.



A 1976 Piper Cub Airplane was reported stolen from the Indianola Airport, and recently has been linked to a MALTB investigation. The plane is still missing.



The Corvette driven by Barrett Duet Cochran was reported stolen out of Alabama.