

Case study on the sentencing of photovoltaic panel theft

Are criminals observing solar farms?

Criminals are starting to observe solar farms and they know there's copper in the cabling, and solar panels there." Copper hit a record GBP 7,500 per ton in February, according to Richie Iwanoff, head of telecommunications company British Telecom's acquisitive crime team.

Should a solar site operator report a crime?

Trade body Solar Energy UK confirms the picture and Taylor and Oakley emphasized the need for site operators to report even trivial incidents to help police build a bigger picture of solar crime. Minor wire cutting could indicate a criminal recce. "Small, low-level criminal damage needs to be reported," said Taylor.

Is solar crime on the rise?

"Solar crime is on the increase," says Rachael Oakley, director of crime intelligence at Telford-based DeterTech, formally known as SmartWater Group thanks to its product-marking technology. "The cables are usually copper and are targeted for scrap value. The price of copper is rising again, which makes it more attractive to criminals.

Are all 4 accused involved in Ficksburg theft?

All four accused are allegedly involved in the commission of these crimes, to wit the three theft counts in Ficksburg during January 2014 and the count of theft on or about 24 to 26 March 2014 on the Senekal /Marquard road. I indicated that there is no evidence linking accused 1 to the theft in count 6 and the State conceded this.

Did UK police find solar panels stolen from Worcestershire site?

Photo: DeterTech From pv magazine Gloval 04/23 When the UK police visited an address in Staffordshire they suspected of harboring solar panels stolen from a Worcestershire site in 2019, they not only recovered 13 modules but also found paperwork indicating planned shipments to Madrid for resale.

Is a solar raid linked to organized crime?

The international disposal route linked to the raid - on a solar farm owned by water company Severn Trent, near Kidderminster, in the west of England - indicated organized crime involvement. Police in the UK observed a 93% rise in reports of solar-related crimes from 2021 to 2022.

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It also provides one-page summaries of 10 select case studies. The 27 case studies reviewed for this report are from the following jurisdictions: 1. Ann Arbor, MI 2. Asheville, NC 3. Barnstable, ...

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