

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

<b>Subject:</b>	Westerville Police Arrest Three for Commercial Battery Thefts		
<b>Releasing Officer</b>	Lt. Paul Scowden		
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(Westerville, Ohio) – The City of Westerville Division of Police has arrested three individuals for felony Receiving Stolen Property in the fraudulent recycling of batteries stolen from service vehicles in the region of southern Delaware County and northern Franklin County.

Lauren Mann, 22, Jeremy May, 27 and Michael Starkey, 26, all from Columbus, were arrested for stealing batteries from commercial trucks in up to 50 locations and taking them to recycling facilities for a profit.

With assistance from the Delaware County Drug Task Force, investigators tracked the series of thefts under surveillance. Following their arrests, Mann and May were released pending a grand jury review. Starkey was taken to the Franklin County Jail.

If any businesses in the region have noticed battery thefts from vehicles, please contact Detective Tim Ray at (614) 901-6494.

For more information, please contact Lt. Paul Scowden at (614) 901-6458.



(PHOTOS: Left to right: Lauren Mann, Jeremy May. Photo for Michael Starkey may be obtained through the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.)

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