

Washington Kubota Tractor, Trailer 11.03.2017

On Friday November 3rd, 2017, a subject using the name Darryl Lee Whitcomb (Washington ID #: WHITCDL382P8) rented a Kubota Tractor with loader and backhoe and a trailer, using a credit card that matched his identification. The subject provided a reference which checked out.

When the subject failed to return the equipment and could not be located, the machine was reported stolen. When Whitcomb was arrested at a homeless encampment, he claimed he was paid to rent the machine then handed it off to a third party, possibly out of Oregon. He may have disposed of the trailer in the Olympia or Portland areas. Whitcomb subsequently bonded out of custody.

Whitcomb drove a late 80's or early 90's single cab 2wd Ford F-250, spray painted blue (including badges and emblems).

As of the date of this alert, neither the trailer nor machine have been located.

Please forward this alert to anyone that may encounter the machine, may have been victimized in a similar scam, and investigators working similar cases.

Olympia Police case: 17-102037-34

Machine Details:

Make/Model: 2016 Kubota B-26
 Type: Compact Tractor with backhoe and loader attachments
 Tractor Serial Number: **55036**

Trailer Details:

Make/Model: 1999 Redi-Haul
 Type: Tandem Axle Flatbed
 VIN: **47SS142T3X1015510**
 There are 2x6 wood inserts on the folding ramps instead of steel. Trailer is black.



Pictured is an example of a similar Kubota B-26. The tractor serial number decal is on the left frame inset from the left front wheel. This must not be confused with the more prominent loader serial number decal on the left loader upright, which is only the loader identifier.

Law Enforcement - For access to NER's equipment ownership registration and theft records, and for machine identification assistance, call NICB: **800-447-6282**. For online access, see www.ner.net/law-enforcement.html

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