



# Equipment Theft Alert

## Fraud Alert - Ohio Ditch Witch Loader & Trailer

### UPDATE

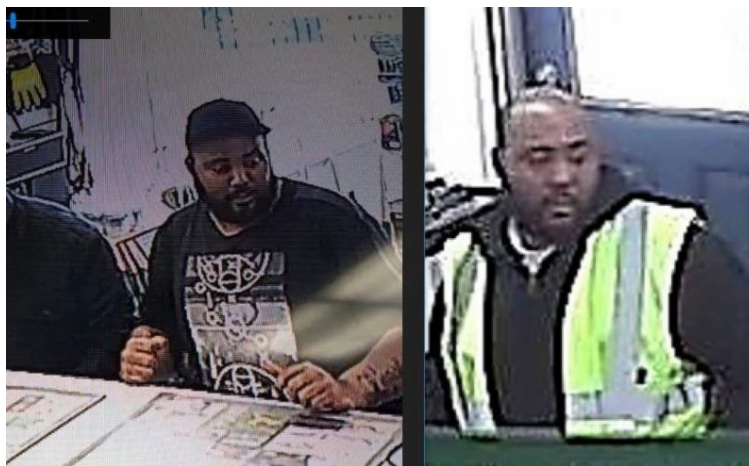
To update the below alert from March, a group committing equipment rental frauds in Michigan and Ohio is still active and using new patsies to rent equipment. As with [last year's frauds in the same area](#), it is suspected the offenders may also target rental businesses in surrounding states.

In late April, the below pictured subject using the name Christopher Davenport rented equipment in Hazel Park, Michigan and failed to return it when due. The same subject attempted to rent similar equipment in Fort Gratiot, Michigan. The company name ARCO Property Preservation and the phone number 313-828-0555 was used to reserve equipment.



Christopher Davenport

Davenport was accompanied in both instances by the below pictured unidentified subject that was also involved in numerous other frauds in Ohio and Michigan.



Unidentified Accomplice



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The the below pictured white Ford extended cab truck was used in the Hazel Park fraud, as well as other incidents. Note the body damage and oversize tires.



***If the subjects are encountered,*** contact authorities and reference:

- Ashland County, Ohio Sheriff's case: 19-36-3890
- Canton, Michigan Police case 19-0015219
- Hamburg Township Police case: 19-00267

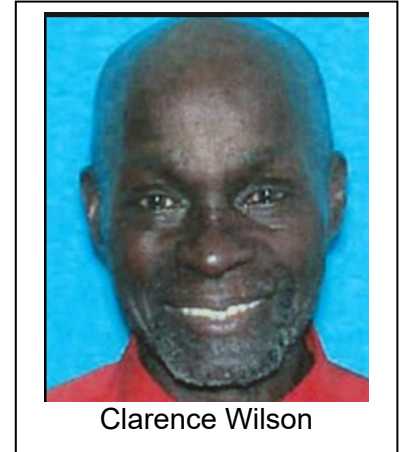
Please forward this alert to anyone that may be targeted by this group, and investigators working on similar thefts.

If you were victimized by this group, please report the loss to NER online at [www.ner.net/solutions/report-a-theft/](http://www.ner.net/solutions/report-a-theft/) or call 866-663-7872

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### ORIGINAL OHIO ALERT

On March 29th, the pictured subject rented a mini loader and trailer from a business in Nova, Ohio. The equipment was not returned when due, and the renter cannot be located. The renter used the name Clarence Wilson with a Detroit address, phone 313-856-4564. The renter used a dark blue Chevy extended cab truck with matching camper shell, pictured below.



The renter was accompanied by two subjects suspected of involvement with two similar fraudulent rentals in Michigan April 2nd. See the NER alert here for details: [Hamburg, Michigan Rental Fraud](#)



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### Machine Details

Ditch Witch SK-800 Mini Tracked Loader  
Product Identification Number:  
**DWPSK800PJ0000638**

### Trailer Details

1999 Cronkhite Tandem Axle 10000lb Trailer, red  
Trailer VIN: **473452126X1101089**  
Ohio Plate: **TPZ3690**

Pictured is a similar Ditch Witch SK-800. The machine PIN decal is above the right loader arm, to the right of the control panel.



**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, click "[Log in](#)" at [www.ner.net](http://www.ner.net)

**Industry** – Report suspicious activity involving equipment – **Dial 911**

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