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# El Dorado County Sheriff Office



## Press Release

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For immediate Release

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### Theft of Water Backflow Valves

August 20, 2009 thru August 24, 2009

Unknown suspects have stolen a total of 8 water backflow valves from several businesses in El Dorado County. Businesses in the El Dorado Hills Business Park located off Latrobe Rd. have had 6 such valves stolen. The remaining valves were stolen from the Barnett Business Park located off Durock Rd. in Shingles Springs.

The recent thefts surrounding the backflow valves involve the suspects turning off the water supply and then cutting the backflow valves out with a metal saw. The backflow valves are made from copper and brass. It is believed that the suspects are stealing the valves for their recycled value.

At this time there are no suspects identified and detectives are following up on the cases. The Sheriff's Office is working closely with El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) and affected businesses.

The photos below are of the backflow valve and the theft site.



Picture supplied by EID



Picture taken at business after theft

Anyone with information regarding the thefts is urged to contact the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office.

