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SHERIFF SEARCHING FOR PROPERTY THEFT SUSPECT

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (17MAR2011) — Grant County Sheriff's Deputies are looking for Timothy Wayne Hampton, age 36 of Moses Lake. Deputies have probable cause to arrest Hampton (arrest warrant pending) for first-degree theft, two counts of first-degree possession of stolen property, and second-degree criminal trespassing.

On the morning of March 16, Deputy Nic Dirks answered a stolen property call from the Desert Green Turf Farms of Moses Lake. Desert Green staff had discovered a commercial-grade turf mower had been stolen from their business.

During the investigation, Deputy Dirks and the farmer noticed tire tracks near where the turf mower had been parked. Believing the tracks were from a vehicle involved in the theft, Deputy Dirks and the farmer followed the tracks nearly five miles to a building at 10651 Dune Lake Loop SE south of Moses Lake. Deputy Dirks received permission from the property owner to search the property, and was also granted a search warrant.

During the search, Dirks and other deputies found several stolen items, including two ATVs registered stolen from Idaho, and stolen irrigation-related equipment. They also found the commercial turf mower which had been partially disassembled. Deputies believe the mower, valued at $2000, was being taken apart to sell to a recycler.

Hampton is believed responsible for the thefts. Hampton is 36-years-old, 6'-0" tall, 215 lbs, with blue eyes and long brown hair. He has tattoo of a skull on his right arm.

"Each day I read the field reports from our deputies, I am reminded about how great Grant County citizens are," said Sheriff Tom Jones. "This incident is testament to that fact, and I encourage the public to keep sending us information so we can continue solving these crimes."

Anyone spotting Hampton or knowing where he may be should not approach or attempt to detain him; rather, they should call 509-762-1160 and report Hampton's whereabouts. Citizens may also email anonymous information to the Sheriff's Office at *crimetips@co.grant.wa.us*.

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Attachments:

- Photo of partially-disassembled stolen turf mower
- Photo of stolen stainless steel irrigation filter
- Wanted Poster of Hampton

Map of 10651 Dune Lake Loop SE, Moses Lake:
http://www.bing.com/maps/#JnE9LjEwNjUxK2R1bmUrbGFrZStsb29wK3NlJTJjK21vc2VzK2xha2UlN2Vzc3QuMCU3ZXBnLjEmYmI9NTkuOTE2ODY2NzU0ODI5MSU3ZS03OC44NTQ2MzcxNDUlN2UzMC43OTkxMzEwMTMxNjg0JTdlLTE2MC4yNDEzNTU4OTU=

GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WANTED

POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY & CRIMINAL TRESPASSING
MOSES LAKE AREA

TIMOTHY WAYNE HAMPTON

AKA	N/A		
D.O.B.	05/10/1974	AGE	36
RACE	WHITE		
HEIGHT	6-0	WEIGHT	215
EYES	BLUE		
SCARS MARKS TATOOS	TATTOO OF SKULL ON RIGHT ARM		

HAMPTON IS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR SEVERAL PROPERTY THEFTS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE MOSES LAKE AREA.

DO NOT APPROACH OR ATTEMPT TO DETAIN THIS PERSON

CALL 509-762-1160

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