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STOLEN PROPERTY SOLD ON FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE AND GUMTREE

A Wattle Grove man has been charged with stealing by Forrestfield Police after BGC/Jcorp Investigators identified a hot water system stolen from a Wattle Grove building site.

On May 15th a hot water system was stolen from an exterior wall at a Homestart construction site located in Ajax Way, Wattle Grove. BGC/Jcorp investigators identified the item on Facebook Marketplace as suspicious and after conducting further inquiries passed collected information to Police.

Forrestfield Police executed a search warrant at a Wattle Gove address on Saturday 9/6/18 and recovered the stolen hot water system from the house and later charged a male person with stealing.

Kevin Minchinton, Director at Braven Group Services said "We have been focusing on the stealing of hot water systems from construction sites in the southern suburbs as they have been a reported high theft item for some time. Building site theft continues to be a scourge on the construction industry, increasing building costs and completion times for all new home owners. With Police assistance we have recovered several hot water systems from Gumtree and now Facebook Marketplace and we will continue to monitor buy and sell pages for all stolen construction site goods, not just hot water systems".

Braven Group Services recently partnered with Master Builders Association (MBA) WA to provide the 'Partnership Against Crime Taskforce' (PACT) which includes online reporting and investigative services to all MBA members across WA to reduce theft and damage on MBA members construction sites.

Master Builders Director Michael McLean said "Over the course of a year, Master Builders has assessed the cost of theft and vandalism to new housing projects to be tens of millions of dollars. We are pleased to partner with Braven Group Services and their 'Partnership Against Crime Taskforce' program to assist our members with both proactive and reactive strategies to combat onsite crime and the associated costs to builders and homebuyers."

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