

Surplus Sampler

February 2006

From The Director's Chair

You might remember that I gave you a heads up regarding a story running in [USA Today](#) about our program. The story ran on Tuesday, February 7 in the Money Section of the paper. As expected, it was an informative, well-written article. We were also featured on the [CBS Evening News](#) on Thursday, February 9. Since these stories ran, we have appeared on [WSYR](#), the ABC affiliate in Syracuse, New York; on [WHP](#) Channel 21, the CBS affiliate in Harrisburg; provided an interview for [WKYW](#) News Talk Radio in Philadelphia; and received an invitation to be a feature story in "Mail: The Journal of Communication Distribution", a magazine published in Milford, PA. Who would have ever thought that a few million pocket knives could cause such a fuss?

You might be interested to know that [House Bill 1992](#) passed the House on January 31, 2006 by a vote of 191-0. This bill doubles the maximum [DCED loan amount for municipalities](#) purchasing equipment from \$25K to \$50 K. It also doubles the maximum for "purchasing, constructing, renovating, or rehabilitating facilities" from \$50K to \$100K. Why is this bill of concern to our Bureau? Because we would like to help you extend the purchasing power of your loan dollars through the use of our surplus property programs by providing you with the heavy equipment, building materials, office equipment and supplies that you need at a cost you can afford.

Last week, Scott Pepperman was run ragged by several Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) auditors. The auditors reviewed our Law Enforcement 1033 Excess Property Program, not only here in our offices, but through on-site visits with several program participants. Together with Scott, DLA visited the PA State Police Headquarters, the State Police Academy, Upper Darby, and South Central Bucks. If your police department receives weapons through this program, please keep in mind the restrictions associated with the donation of firearms. The audit reminded all of us of the unique properties available through this program and some regulatory changes that may have taken place AFTER you received weapons. Scott will go into greater detail on these issues in his column. By the way, we received a SATISFACTORY rating from the DLA auditors.

Last month, we advised you that we were starting a weekly "Just Arrived" list for Federal Surplus. I am pleased to report that the response has been very warm. Heck, we had two state agencies vying for the same Bridgeport milling machine! Thank you for recognizing the value of receiving information about items that are just arriving at warehouse. Your needs are addressed faster, and we have less aged inventory in our warehouse. That's a real WIN-WIN!

Everyone knows that the best time to hold an auction is on a warm, sunny day. Everyone, that is, except us. State Surplus has several cold-weather sales scheduled for the coming months. Take a look at Joe Angelo's column for information on late February sales of DCNR and Corrections property. Fortunately, we are able to conduct these sales on-line, so that you can bid from the comfort of your home or office PC.

Finally, I would like to share with you a [letter](#) that I recently received from one of our donees.

State Surplus

Doings and Happenings

During this relatively “slow” time of year, State Surplus is happy to offer you an opportunity to bid on auctions sponsored by the Department of Corrections. Beginning the week of February 13 and running through the end of the month, we will offer the following items through **Asset Auctions**, our on-line auctioneer.

SCI Camp Hill: Includes miscellaneous equipment such as light bulbs, shelving, ladders, a forklift, a chain hoist, floor patching resin, tables, and chairs.

SCI Muncy: Includes Cushmans, EZ-GO Carts, a Galion Road Grader, a CASE Loader, a Galion Roll-O-Matic, 12'x60' trailer frames, and miscellaneous axles.

Also, running February 21 through March 2, Asset Auction will conduct an on-line auction for a variety of equipment such as laundry equipment, printing equipment, video equipment, meat processing equipment, and more!

Upcoming PennDOT Right of Way Auctions

Did you know that municipalities, schools, and other organizations are able to take advantage of bidding on equipment at PennDOT Right of Way Auctions? Depending on participant turnout, these items can be a great bargain for your organization. It's a great way to find items for your office, conference room, township building, or for grounds maintenance!

Currently, we have several Right of Way Auctions scheduled for the first week of April in Ligonier (Westmoreland County), Delmont (Allegheny County), and Castle Shannon (Allegheny County). These are physical, on-site auctions conducted by **Ziegler Auctions**. Be sure to visit Ziegler Auctions' web site for additional information regarding items offered, registration, and participation in these auctions!

State Surplus Warehouse

Please keep in mind that our warehouse currently houses numerous items that could be used for your offices.....desks, chairs, adding machines, conference tables, and much more!

Federal Surplus

NEWS....NEWS....NEWS....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....

Federal Surplus In the News!

As Mr. Hess discussed in his comments this month, the Federal Surplus Property Program was again in the news. Both the USA Today newspaper and the CBS Evening News conducted interviews and visits with our staff about our eBay operation, and the posting of voluntarily surrendered items from our nation's airports. As well, we have received special recognition across the country from the General Services Administration and other state's Federal Surplus Property Programs. A big thank you to our crew for an excellent job, including Mary Beth Enggren, Bob Webb, Lil Davis, Tony Jackson, Mike Hooks, Sue Nelson, Steve Livingston, Dave Rudy, and the entire warehouse crew!

Did you know that these items are also available to your organization through our donation program? That's right. A large number of the items that are getting attention on eBay are also available every day in our warehouses in Harrisburg and Hermitage. If your organization needs scissors, knives, utensils, toys, or hand tools, they are all here for just a few pennies. Check out our **on-line inventory** for a list, or call our warehouse for additional information.

Congratulations to our Donee of the Quarter!

Congratulations to the Tri-County Opportunities Industrialization in Harrisburg, Dauphin County! They are our second Donee of the Quarter, and will receive a coupon for **10% off all service charges for one full month**. They will also be included in the running to be Donee of the Year, and receive **25% off all service charges for one full month**.

The qualifications for becoming Donee of the Quarter are to make the best use of the Program for that quarter—not necessarily the donee that spends the most money, but the one who best uses the money they have to spend in the Federal Surplus Property Program. Good luck to all of our donees for future awards!

“Just Arrived” and “Special Orders”

As Mr. Hess discussed in his column, we have started our new weekly e-mail to our donees advising you of new arrivals to the Federal Surplus warehouse. This newsletter will include our third week of e-mail, and we are looking for your feedback. Let us know what you like and what you don't like about our new outreach. We hope that you are receiving our e-mails and finding them useful, but if we can improve our program, let us know! You can call us **toll-free at 1-800-235-1555** or e-mail Mary Beth Enggren, our Marketing Representative, at **menggren@state.pa.us**.

Federal Surplus

Hermitage Reminder

We will be open for business in Hermitage March 7, 8, and 9 and April 4, 5, and 6 from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM each day. Look for the latest additions to our inventory later in this column, and don't forget your green dot savings!

This Month's Featured Items



Cargo Van, Mfg. Ford Motor Company, Club Wagon, 1995, 68417 miles, 5.8 liter, automatic, 9100 gvw, 1 bench seat, rear cage section, good condition, Harrisburg warehouse. Item number 2320-06-0174-001, only 1 available, service charge is only \$3800.00.



Forklift, Mfg. Hyster, Model R30F, stock puller, electric, 24 volt with charger, 3000 lb capacity, 42" forks, good condition, Harrisburg warehouse. Item number 3930-05-0305-001, only 1 available, service charge is only \$2500.00.



Heating Cabinet, Mfg. Hupfer, Model SPTW-3, 208 volt, 3 compartments, 21 tray capacity for 20"x12" trays, good condition, Harrisburg warehouse. Item number 7320-06-0201-001, only 1 available, service charge is only \$125.00



Exercise Machine, Mfg. Nautilus, hip abduction, good condition, Harrisburg warehouse. Item number 7830-06-0137-006, only 1 available, service charge is only \$225.00.



Cabinet, Mfg. MDT Corp., 36"x24"x24" high, good condition, Harrisburg warehouse. Item number 6515-06-0137-007, only 2 available, service charge is only \$75.00.

Desk, Mfg. HON, single pedestal, metal with wood top, 3 drawer, **NEW**, Harrisburg warehouse. Item number 7110-05-0858-001, only 2 available, service charge is only \$60.00.

Equipment Recently Acquired by Your Neighbors...

Huntingdon County recently acquired a graphics plotter for use in the County maintenance and roads office, originally valued at \$10,019 by the Federal Government, for a service charge of only \$56.25.

Upper Nazareth Township, Northampton County, recently acquired a large cargo truck, originally valued at \$31,249 by the Federal Government, for a service charge of only \$2500.

United Cerebral Palsy of Central PA, Cumberland County, recently acquired a 1995 Chevrolet Caprice for client transport, originally valued at \$16,480 by the Federal Government, for a service charge of only \$900.

Pa Dept of Corrections recently acquired 2 (two) single-wide office trailers, originally valued at \$10,000 each by the Federal Government, for a service charge of only \$500 each.

Law Enforcement

1033 Excess Property

A Visit From DLA

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) in Fort Belvoir, Virginia recently reviewed our operations here in Pennsylvania. Many thanks to our staff—especially Lil Davis, Steve Livingston, and John Kowalchick—for making the review a success and achieving a satisfactory rating from DLA.

We received a few very important reminders as a result of the review, especially for those organizations who have received weapons through either the Law Enforcement 1033 Excess Property Program or the Federal Surplus Property Program. First, you must notify this office if there is any change in the status of the weapons. In other words, if the weapon is broken, becomes obsolete, or is no longer needed by your agency, you must report the status to our office first before taking any disposal action. Second, if you have not already done so, an ATF 10 Form must be completed for each weapon, and a copy of the completed form must be on file in our office. If you are not sure whether or not we have a copy of this form, or if you know that you have not completed this form, please contact us immediately so that we may bring your files up to date. And finally, please remember that you must maintain a current list of the status and location of each weapon, along with the serial numbers and the Weapons Point of Contact. This information must also be maintained in our office, and we must be notified of any changes in writing.

The availability of weapons at very low cost to our law enforcement agencies has been a true benefit and savings for the entire Commonwealth. However, we must maintain accurate records of these weapons if we wish to continue to receive this valuable resource. If you have any questions regarding your weapons, please don't hesitate to call us!

Property Available for Law Enforcement Agencies



Undershirts, man's, quarter sleeve, brown, size medium, 3 pair per pack, **NEW**, service charge is only \$3.00.



Cold Weather Coat, camouflage pattern, sizes medium and small, good condition, service charge is only \$5.00.



Overalls, crewmen's, 100% Aramid Insulated, sizes large-regular, good condition, service charge is only \$5.00.

Law Enforcement

1033 Excess Property

Equipment Acquired By Your Neighbors.....

South Central Bucks County Regional Police Force, representing 13 different communities in South Central Bucks County, received 2 (two) armored personnel carriers (APCs) in 2004. During the recent DLA inspection, we had the opportunity to visit them and see the refurbished equipment. They acquired the carriers, valued at over \$100,000 each by the Federal Government, for a total service charge of only \$4500. According to members of the police force, they replaced fluids, a few gaskets, and painted the vehicles. They were also kind enough to provide us with before  and after  pictures of the vehicles. The Force didn't even need to replace the tracks, as  they are  separated by rubber and therefore do not tear the road. The APCs have already been used in action during two different hostage situations.

North Catasauqua Police Department, Northampton County, recently acquired 2 (two) M-16 rifles for use in training, crisis situations, and police action throughout the community. The rifles, valued at \$1200 each by the Federal Government, were acquired for a service charge of only \$500 each.

South Annville Township Police Department, Lebanon County, acquired an all wheel drive Mitsubishi Mighty Mitz truck, valued at \$18365 by the Federal Government, for a service charge of only \$250.

Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, SCI Graterford, recently acquired 2 (two) 1986 Chevrolet four wheel drive cargo trucks, originally valued at \$16,500 each by the Federal Government, for a service charge of only \$800 each.

Calendar of Events

February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 PSATS Training
5	6	7 Hermitage Whse Open	8 Hermitage Whse Open	9 Hermitage Whse Open	10	11
12	13 SCI On-Line Auction Begins	14	15	16 Senator Wonderling Grant Wkshop Quakertown	17 PSAB Training Monroeville	18
19	20 CLOSED FOR STATE HOLIDAY	21 Misc. Asset Auction On- Line Opens	22	23	24 PSAB Training Allentown	25 PSATS Training Lancaster
26	27	28 Senator Regola Grant Workshop Greensburg SCI On-Line Auction Closes				

Calendar of Events

March 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Misc. Asset Auction On- Line Closes	3 PSAB Training Altoona	4 PSATS Training Cranberry
5	6	7 Hermitage Whse Open	8 Hermitage Whse Open	9 Hermitage Whse Open Erie Co Twps Sen Rafferty Grants Wkshop	10 PSAB Training Lewistown PASBO-Hershey	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 PSATS Training Greensburg
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 PSATS Training Scranton
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Advertisement



Classifieds: [cars.com](#) | [careerbuilder.com](#) | [eHarmony.com](#) | [Marketplace](#) | [Real estate](#)

- Home
- News
- Travel
- Money
- Sports
- Life
- Tech
- Weather

Search Travel: and/or

SMARTER TRIPS START HERE [TRAVEL HOME](#) [DESTINATIONS](#) [HOTELS](#) [FLIGHTS](#)

▪ [E-MAIL THIS](#) ▪ [PRINT THIS](#) ▪ [SAVE THIS](#) ▪ [MOST POPULAR](#) ▪ [SUBSCRIBE](#) ▪ [REPRINTS & PERMISSIONS](#)

Posted 2/6/2006 11:25 PM Updated 2/7/2006 10:45 AM

Sale of airports' banned items proves bountiful

By Gary Stoller, USA TODAY

It's a little-noticed legacy of post-9/11 airport security procedures: the brisk commerce spawned by the buying, selling and disposal of the 30 million prohibited items surrendered by passengers at checkpoints.



Michael Hooks, 52, of Harrisburg, Pa., sorts through items surrendered by fliers at airport security checkpoints.

By Eileen Blass, USA TODAY

Some of it is hazardous waste, like Chemical Mace, and is disposed of accordingly. A small portion is pure junk and gets discarded. But scissors, cigarette lighters and pocketknives have value. And, this being the USA, a lucrative market has sprung up around the buying and selling of surrendered items.

Nobody has totaled it up, but the business of disposing of or reselling items banned by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration appears to be valued in the millions of dollars a year. After a traveler leaves behind a banned item — a hunting knife, say — it can follow a strange and convoluted journey to a new owner. That journey often involves a pass through state or local government ownership, and a posting on eBay.

State surplus property offices get first crack at the items, but if they're not equipped to handle them or decide to take a pass, giant contractor Science Application International collects and discards them under a five-year, \$17 million government contract.



E-Mail Newsletters

Sign up to receive our free **Travel e** get the best travel news, deals & fe inbox.

E-mail:
 Select one: HTML



powered by **ShermansTravel**

Early-bird 7-nt ALASKA deals o from \$599 in spring '06



CANCUN beachfront from just \$579 (Feb-1

Best of ITALY from \$ in Venice, Rome, or F

[Top 25 Deals](#)**Marketplace**[Real estate](#)[Arcade](#)[Tickets](#)[Shopping](#)[International](#)[Business Index](#)[Newspaper](#)[Classifieds](#)

Some states, including Pennsylvania and Kentucky, wouldn't think of taking the items to a landfill, though, because they are reselling them and making tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. Even little Boulder City, Nev., cashes in.



[Sign up for our Top 25 news](#)

[ShermansTravel.com - travel deals A](#)

"Everything sells," says Kenneth Hess, director of Pennsylvania's Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations. In December the agency sold more than \$17,000 worth of items it received from the TSA and ships about 5,000 pounds of such items to eBay buyers each month.

TSA, which makes no money from the items left at checkpoints, disposes of most items the same way other federal agencies dispose of property with commercial value: It gives it to state and local governments, who are free to donate or sell it. That's how people like Hess get involved.

States like Pennsylvania sell boxes, boxes and more boxes of scissors, tools and pocketknives. A 39-pound box containing 500 Swiss Army knives sold on eBay in 2004 for \$595 to a California buyer — the highest sale of Pennsylvania's state surplus office since it began selling surrendered airport items two years ago.

But it's not only the predictable stuff that TSA turns over to the states. Pennsylvania officials remember an auto transmission, a sausage grinder, a huge, artificial palm tree and an 18-inch fishing hook mounted on a plaque.

Kentucky's Jill Midkiff says "someone actually tried to carry a chain saw onto a plane." Arkansas officials pulled out ax heads last month. They've seen cast-iron skillet, dumbbells and walking sticks with voodoo symbols.

"It all sells eventually," agrees James Smith Jr., who manages an Arkansas agency that, under state law, must sell its TSA items and federal surplus property at a federal website run by the General Services Administration. GSA and the state split profits evenly.

Smith says his agency must put some items up for auction two or three times before they sell. But someone who needs the items — a hobbyist or a reseller — always comes along to buy them, he says. "It costs me nothing to rerun the items for an auction," he says. "We have plenty of time here."

The Arkansas surplus agency picks up items left at more than 60 airports in at least 20 states. It first tries to donate the property within Arkansas to more than 1,800 entities: state and local government agencies, schools, hospitals and non-profit organizations. Items remaining after one year are auctioned at the GSA Internet site. He would rather sell fewer scissors — and donate more — but says few requests are coming in. "Believe me, just about everyone in Arkansas who wants a scissor has been given one over the last three years," Smith says.

Last year, the agency brought in just under \$20,000 from TSA property. "I'd love to go to eBay, because we'd make a tremendous amount more," says Smith. "My hands are tied by state law."

Maryland's surplus property office doesn't use the Internet to sell its items from TSA. It randomly puts knives, tools, scissors and other items into 50-pound boxes and sells each box for \$50 to anyone who arrives at its warehouse in Jessup, Md. It sells five to 20 boxes about once a month, says surplus property manager Gary Gray. "Sometimes, we let more valuable items slip in to the boxes, so our customers feel they're getting something extra," he says.

TSA does not "in any way profit from the items left behind," says spokeswoman Yolanda Clark. The agency, which was created and took over security after the 9/11 hijackings, "follows GSA regulations in disposing of voluntarily abandoned property," she says.

TSA maintains that screeners don't confiscate prohibited items at checkpoints. Clark says passengers found with prohibited items have options: returning them to their vehicles, giving

them to someone not getting on a plane, taking them to a post office or other mailing station, or abandoning them at a checkpoint.

Some fliers, though, view it differently. April Miller, a Chicago-based regional manager for a publishing company, says TSA screeners at the city's Midway Airport took a \$25 eyelash curler and a nail clipper without giving her an option. "They just took the items and said I could not board with them," she says.

Billie Vincent, former security director for the Federal Aviation Administration, which was in charge of security before TSA was created, says TSA screeners "confiscated my mustache scissors" last fall at New York John F. Kennedy Airport. He says he was told that if he didn't surrender the scissors he would not be able to board his flight.

TSA declined to comment about the incidents.

Sales help bottom lines

Items from TSA represent just a small portion of the federal property given to state surplus offices. Yet, the airport items have had an impact. Hess credits them as an important development in making his program profitable. The Pennsylvania program operated at a loss for at least five years prior to receiving items from TSA starting in 2004.

In Arkansas, TSA items have been given to local government agencies, reducing their expenses and, in turn, saving taxpayer funds, Smith says. In Kentucky, airport property sales are about 6% of the surplus property division's overall revenue, Midkiff says.

Oregon, Maryland and Alabama also pick up items intercepted by TSA at airports. But some other states either don't want to deal with storing, sorting and getting rid of the items, or they don't have a surplus property office.

Nevada doesn't have one, so one of the state's cities, Boulder City, jumped on the opportunity to profit from items passengers leave behind. The city is currently earning about \$10,000 per month after expenses from sales of items on eBay, says Michael Plott, who runs the program.

Boulder City is in a financial crunch and doesn't receive gaming revenue, Plott says. It's the only Nevada city without legal gambling. Revenue from selling airport items goes into the general fund and "allows the city to maintain programs it may have had to close down," he says.

Personal attention

Plott runs the city's fitness center and first raised with city leaders the idea of selling airport items. He has a unique arrangement. He runs the sales operation and earns up to \$8,000 per month from surrendered-item sales, in addition to his pay at the fitness center. He says he gave up a second job as a security supervisor at nearby Hoover Dam to work on the sales business.

To "guarantee the integrity of the program," Plott says he does all the airport pickups and the initial sorting of items. He picks up items in Las Vegas and Reno and at three California airports: Oakland, Sacramento and San Jose. On long-distance runs to Reno and other cities, he flies to the airport and rents a truck to haul the items back to Boulder City.

On a typical run to Las Vegas McCarran International Airport, less than a 30-minute drive, he may pick up 20 boxes weighing 50 to 75 pounds each, filled with all kinds of unsorted items. "There's no organization whatsoever," he says. "All the items are dumped together by TSA."

Looser rules at checkpoints

Fliers can expect to surrender fewer scissors, nail clippers and tools this year. On Dec. 22, TSA started allowing passengers to carry through checkpoints scissors with a cutting edge of

4 inches or less, and tools such as screwdrivers, wrenches and pliers smaller than 7 inches. Such a policy may cut into the business of state-surplus offices.

"With the new TSA rules, we will get a lot less scissors and tools," says Plott.

Pennsylvania's state surplus office is contemplating a business strategy to maintain its revenue from scissors sales. It may offer more listings on eBay but put fewer scissors in each listing, Hess says.

State and city officials who deal in surrendered items say they know the future of their programs is not guaranteed. TSA could change its policy or an airport could decide to get involved with disposal of the items. "Every load could be my last," says Boulder City's Plott.

But that's not foremost on his mind. He recently set up a postal account to pay for the costs of shipping to Boulder City TSA-intercepted items in the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan.

[Subscribe Today: Home Delivery of USA TODAY - Save 35%](#)

 Travel	<p>THIS WEEK'S TOP STORY:</p> <p>▶ Do cockpit windows roll down like those in your car?</p>
--	--

USATODAY.com partners: [USA Weekend](#) • [Sports Weekly](#) • [Education](#) • [Space.com](#)

[Home](#) • [Travel](#) • [News](#) • [Money](#) • [Sports](#) • [Life](#) • [Tech](#) • [Weather](#)

Resources: [Mobile news](#) • [Site map](#) • [FAQ](#) • [Contact us](#) • [E-mail news](#)
[Jobs with us](#) • [Internships](#) • [Terms of service](#) • [Privacy policy](#) • [Media kit](#) • [Press room](#)
[Electronic print edition](#) • [Reprints and Permissions](#)

Hotel Reservation Services: [Terms & conditions](#) • [Reservation questions?](#)

[Add USATODAY.com RSS feeds](#) 

© Copyright 2006 USA TODAY, a division of [Gannett Co. Inc.](#)

CBS EVENING NEWS

- [CBS Evening News Video](#) >
- [Assignment America](#) >
- [Reporter's Notebook](#) >
- [Consumer Alert](#) >
- [Program Facts](#) >
- [Bios](#) >
- [Contact Info](#) >
- [Up Next](#) >
- [Inside Scoop](#) >
- [Email: \[evening@cbsnews.com\]\(mailto:evening@cbsnews.com\)](#) >

> WIRELESS ALERTS

> E-MAIL ALERTS

XML RSS FEEDS

POD PODCASTS

Interactive



America On Guard

Recent threats, the Homeland Security Department, the terror alert system, bio-terror and emergency preparedness.



Special Report



War On Terror

Complete coverage of President Bush's war on terror.



RELATED STORIES & LINKS

> E-MAIL THIS STORY

> PRINTABLE VERSION

The TSA's Warehouse Of The Weird

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 9, 2006

Fast Fact

Pennsylvania takes in about \$15,000 a month selling off items collected at Philadelphia's airport, as well as those in New York and Boston.

(CBS) It looks like an airport security junkyard. In Harrisburg, Pa., there's a warehouse chock-full of the knives, scissors, tools and other items confiscated at checkpoints at three major East Coast airports since 9/11.

And believe it or not, reports **CBS News correspondent Bob Orr**, a lot of the stuff can be yours — on eBay.

Fifteen pounds of used nail clippers "would usually go for \$20 or \$20," says Mary Beth Enggren, who runs the salvage program for Pennsylvania. "But heck, for you," she tells Orr, "we'd give it to you for \$10."

Pennsylvania makes about \$15,000 every month selling the loot collected at Philadelphia's airport, as well as those in New York and Boston. In the warehouse, business comes before memories.

Enggren's duties will sound familiar to veteran eBay-ers. "I sort the property and do the descriptions and take the picture, post the property, answer the questions and send the items out," she says.

The recycled loot runs from the routine — tons of knives, scissors and corkscrews — to the ridiculous, like a 2½-foot machete.

"I think it will probably bring in the \$30-\$50 range," Enggren says.

If you're not into machetes, there's plenty of other oddball stuff up for grabs, including some fuzzy handcuffs.

"We also have plain handcuffs, if you're not really into the leopard skin thing," she says. "My question is not how I would package it, but why are so many

Advertisement

CBS NEWS VIDEO

Seized Airport Items On eBay

Only On The Web: What happens to confiscated items from airport security searches? As Bob Orr reports, seized nail clippers and even machetes land on eBay's auction Web site.

RELATED VIDEO

[Seized Airport Items On eBay](#) | E-Mail

CBS EVENING NEWS VIDEOS

All CBS Evening NewsVideos

[Evening News Online](#) | E-Mail

[Iraq: Three Years And Counting](#) | E-Mail

[Iraq Teetering On The Edge?](#) | E-Mail

[Bush Begins Iraq PR Blitz](#) | E-Mail

TOP VIDEOS

All Videos

[Bush Embarks On Iraq PR Blitz](#) | E-Mail

[Driving Banned In Baghdad](#) | E-Mail

[Turning Heart Disease Around](#) | E-Mail

[Iraq: Three Years And Counting](#) | E-Mail

More Video

Advertising Links | [What's This?](#)

Philadelphia Airport Parking

Valet or self-park \$7.95 / day with instant web coupon to Philadelphia International Aiport. Free shuttle coach from car door to all terminals in minutes.

www.priorityairportparking.com

Cheap Flights to Philadelphia

Pack A Bag But Make It Good

Advice On Good Luggage And Where To Find It



Private Firms Eyed For Screening

As Part Of Program To Offer Speedy Airport Security Checks



Nervous Flyers Catch Security Eye

Behavior Observation Added To Screening Tactics



TSA Expands Marshal's Scope

Officers Descending On Transit Systems, Bus Stations, Ferries



TSA To Relax Carry-On Restrictions

Agency Set To Allow Tools, Scissors On Planes To Speed Screenings



Americans carrying fuzzy handcuffs onto an airplane."

While this may be the warehouse of the weird, the fliers who used to own these items aren't thrilled that Pennsylvania and a few other states are cashing in on their lost loot. Says one woman, "I'll have to look and see if my scissors that I loved are on there and buy them for \$100.

For that \$100, the woman could buy *60 pounds* of scissors. And Eggren will throw in the box, too.

©MMVI, CBS Broadcasting Inc. All Rights Reserved

INSIDE CBS Evening News



Iraq: Three Years, No Exit
Rebuilding Iraq Has Been Tougher Than Expected

- Hip-Hop Violinist
- You Choose, Steve Hartman Reports
- Forbes: A Billionaire 'Boom'
- More

TOP STORIES

- Scores Of Bodies Found In Baghdad
- Poll: Americans Pessimistic On Iraq
- Israeli Showdown In Jericho
- Study: Crestor Reversed Heart Disease

MOST POPULAR STORIES

- The Science Of Sexual Orientation
- Strange Night For Rock & Roll Hall
- Study: Crestor Reversed Heart Disease
- African Plant May Help Fight Fat



[Back To Top](#)

Compare airfare deals to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania fast and easy. Get huge savings on airline tickets whenever you fly. www.cheapflights.com

Save on Hotels near Philadelphia Airport

Reserve great rates at hotels near Philadelphia's Airport. View photos and maps, and book instantly. Hotel Locators has been a leader in the travel industry for over 10 years. www.hotellocators.com

Wireless Alerts: [CBS News To Go](#) **E-Mail Sign-Up:** [Breaking News](#) | [Today On CBS News](#) | [60 Minutes](#) | [48 Hours](#) | [The Early Show](#) | [CBS Sunday Morning](#) | [News Summaries](#)

Recommended Sites: [CBS Corporation](#) | [CBS.com](#) | [CBS SportsLine](#) | [UPN.com](#) | [CBS Store](#) | [CBS Careers](#) | [CBS Cares](#)

[Site Map](#) | [Help](#) | [Advertise](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [Terms of Service](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [CBS Bios](#) | [Internships](#)



SEARCH

[CBS News Text](#)

[Videos](#)

[The Web](#)



©MMVI, CBS Broadcasting Inc. All Rights Reserved.



Where Do All The Surrendered Items Go?

Ever wonder what happens to all those sharp objects that have been handed over to airport security? We've been investigating, and you may be surprised by the answer.

Lighters, pocketknives, and other items surrendered by passengers before they board flights at Hancock International are taken by the TSA, and given to the Pennsylvania Department of General Services. That's because the City of Syracuse has an arrangement with them.

Once the Pennsylvania Department of General Services gets the items, they head to a warehouse in Harrisburg, where they join millions of other pairs of scissors, or knives, and countless other items from across the country that don't pass the airport security check.

From there, the State of Pennsylvania sells the items to wholesalers. Many of the items end up on E-Bay! [Click here to see some of the auctions.](#)

The State of Pennsylvania has made more than \$200,000 on selling those items since 2004.

All of the airports in Central New York combined send more than 160 pounds of surrendered items per month to Pennsylvania.

© 2005 Clear Channel Communications



Central Pennsylvania's WEB CHANNEL

Search the Web Go

Home | News | Weather | Sports | Entertainment | Money/Business | Discount Deals | Guides | Ask Pr

Clear Channel Radio > WHP 580 > The River 97.3 > BOB 94.9 > Kiss FM 99.3 > 1460 The Ticket

News

- All Local News**
- Special Reports
- Adams County
- Cumberland County
- Dauphin County
- Franklin County
- Lancaster County
- Lebanon County
- Perry County
- York County
-
- Most Popular
- Traffic
- Angels
- Talk to 21 Contact Us
-
- Total Recall
-
- Engine 21
-
- CBS 21 Bus Tour
-
- What's Going Around
-
- Health News
-
- Positively PA
-
- Weekend Recipes
-
- Pay raise details
-
- State News
-
- National News
-
- World News
-
- News In Depth
-
- Weird News
-
- Habitat for Humanity
-
- CarSoup
-
- Traffic
-
- Closings
-
- Video
-
- Find a Job
-
- Talk To 21
-
- Web Cam
-
- Featured Links
-
- Local Events
-
- Contests
-
- Programming
-
- Guest Book
-
- Bios
-
- Career Connection
-
- Mega Search

Cash for contraband

Posted: 2/15/2006 7:32:33 AM



Everyday items like scissors and knives are taken from some passengers at airport security checkpoints. As it turns out, Pennsylvania is turning the contraband into cash. The state has collected more than \$200,000 since 2004 by selling those items on Ebay. The illegal objects comes from New York, New Jersey and Ohio. Through this program Pennsylvania's making about \$3,000 a week. Some of the supplies go to Pennsylvania schools, municipalities, and other non-profits.



Ads by Google

[What's this?](#)

Pennsylvania Colleges
Find and Attend a College Near You!
Browse Campus & Online Degrees.
Penn.CollegeandUniversity.net

Schools in Pennsylvania
Find 100s of Degrees and Career Schools in Pennsylvania here.
www.degree-finder.com

Pittsburgh PA City Guide
Your connection to Pittsburgh, PA.
Maps, Attractions, Yellow Pages etc
www.HelloPittsburgh.com

Pennsylvania State Law
Penn State Law students give the scoop on admissions, academics!
www.vault.com/lawschool

Schools in Pennsylvania
Find a degree or training program and contact the schools directly.
www.educhoices.org

PRINT & E-MAIL

- [Print Story](#)
- [E-mail Story](#)

MORE HEADLINES

- [Talk to 21 - Evictions](#)
- [Marriage amendment](#)
- [Worker stabbed during robbery](#)
- [Realignment meeting](#)
- [Panyard withdrawals](#)
- [Manhunt](#)
- [Total Recall - Crib recall](#)
- [Busy Valentine's Day](#)
- [Creek clean-up](#)
- [Santorum/Casey race](#)
- [Free Safety Seat Inspections](#)
- [Crime Ring Arrests](#)
- [Crime Summit](#)
- [Body found update](#)
- [Druce decision](#)
- [Heart Skate](#)
- [Crime Tracker](#)
- [Football dreams](#)
- [Robbery Ring Busted](#)
- [Child Safety Seats](#)
- [Casey-Santorum Latest](#)
- [Hit and Run Lawmaker](#)
- [Gearing Up for Work](#)
- [Winterfest](#)

- [Movie Guide](#)
- [Weekend Recipes](#)
- [Gas Prices](#)
- [Kids Zone](#)
- [Search](#)
- [Clear Channel](#)
- [CBS.com](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity](#)
- [UPN15](#)
- [Public File Report](#)
- [Coupons](#)

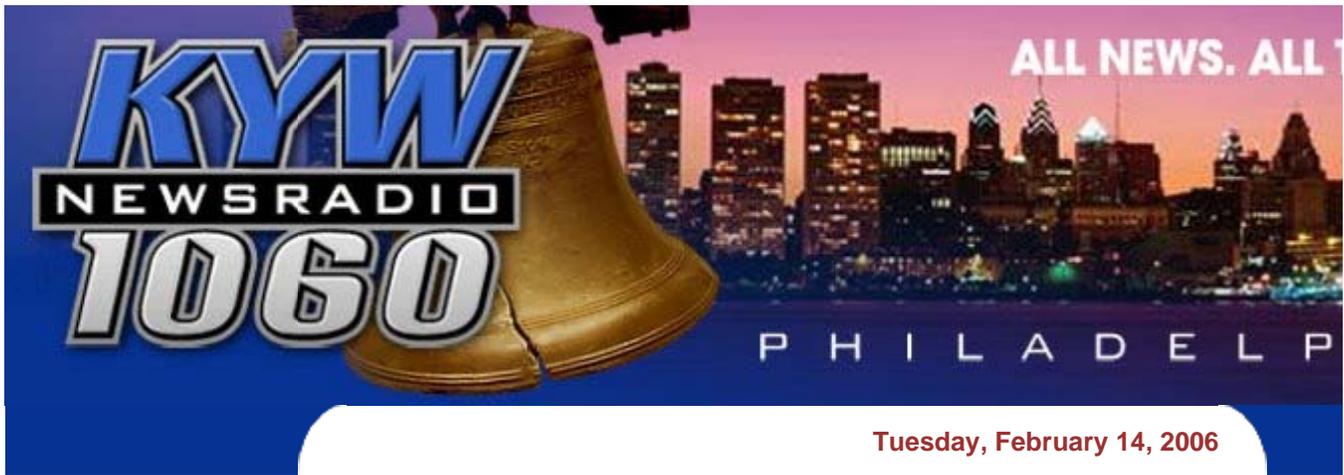


WHP CBS 21 is proud to air Educational and Informational programming for children. Our Children's Television Programming report is available for review during business hours 8:30AM to 5:00PM Monday thru Friday at our studio: 3300 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

© 2006 CLEAR CHANNEL BROADCASTING, INC. | [TERMS OF USE](#) | [PRIVACY STATEMENT](#) | [COPYRIGHT & TRADEMARK NOTI](#)

This site is hosted and managed by [Inergize Digital Media](#)





Tuesday, February 14, 2006

- Top Stories
- News Summary
- AccuWeather
- School Closings
- Search
- "News On Demand"
- Black History Month
- Features:
- Garden Report
- Medical Report
- Movie Reviews
- Education Report
- Finance Report
- Web Picks
- Regional Affairs
- Council
- Traffic
- Transit & Travel
- Sports
- Ski Conditions
- Business
- The Exact Time
- PhillyFunGuide.com
- Lottery Numbers
- Links in the News
- Wednesday's Child
- KYW-TV CBS 3
- Meet the KYW Staff
- Station Info
- Newstudies 2005
- Editorials
- Jobs
- Contact KYW
- KYW Webcast
- KYW Podcasts

News

Pa. Among States Pocketing Profits from Confiscated Airport Contraband (02/10/06)

by KYW's Mark Abrams

Scissors, pocket knives, lighters and other items confiscated by screeners at airport security checkpoints are being turned around for sale on eBay, and state governments are pocketing the profits.

Pennsylvania is among the states getting items seized from airline passengers by the Transportation Security Administration.

The states sell them as surplus government property. Kenneth Hess, director of Pennsylvania's Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations, says about 5,000 to 10,000 pounds of items arrive in Harrisburg each month from airports in Philadelphia, New York and Newark:

"Swiss Army knives, Leatherman multi-tools. We get these gigantic safety pins like you use to keep your hunting tags on your hunting vest. We sort all those out. We sell money clips, just about anything you can imagine."

Hess says Pennsylvania earns about \$25,000 a month as a result of the sales. All of the money, he says, goes into the state general fund.

**News
Tips**

or Call the Newsroom
at 215-238-4991

TODAY'S OTHER NEWS HEADLINES

TOP STORIES:

- [Man Shot By Vice President Suffers Minor Heart Attack](#)

- [Protest Spotlights Plight Of Immigrant Workers](#)
- [South Jersey Truck Thief Killed In Maryland Crash](#)



OTHER NEWS:

- [Love Is In The Cards At Psychic Fair](#)
- [China's Communist Party Focus Of Phila. Rally](#)
- [Local Protest In Support of Katrina Evacuees](#)
- [Saddam On Hunger Strike To Protest Trial Judge](#)
- [Wilcat Fever Heats Up 'Nova Campus](#)
- [Report Cites Favorable Results For Some Women Using HRT](#)
- [Child Safety: From Car Seat to Booster Seat](#)
- [Local Teen Starts Music Program to Collect Instruments](#)
- [A Unique Approach to Valentine's Day](#)
- [Grabbing Last Minute Valentine's Gifts](#)
- [SugarLoaf Festival Makes Final Stop at Ft. Washington Expo Center](#)
- [Hearings to Last 7 Weeks on Mayor Street's Budget](#)
- [Penna. Senator Fumo Performs Heroic Act in Florida](#)
- [Rendell Comments on Upcoming Gubernatorial Election](#)
- [Knowing When You Have Suffered a Heart Attack](#)
- [Winter Storm Claims At Least Two Lives in Montco](#)
- [Phila. Archdiocese To Close Some Parish Schools](#)
- [Man Charged With Stealing PA Turnpike Tolls](#)
- [Union League Remembers Abe Lincoln](#)
- [New Ethics Code For Pa. Gaming Board Members](#)
- [PETA Display Raises A Few Eyebrows](#)
- ['Goddess Of Nature' Featured at Phila. Flower Show](#)
- [Jersey Shore Rentals Are Hot in The Cold](#)
- [Shopping for Valentine's Chocolate at the Gallery](#)

• **SEARCH PAST WEEK'S NEWS:**

▼

[Top Stories](#) | [News Summary](#) | [AccuWeather](#) | [School Closings](#)
[Business](#) | [Sports](#) | [Features](#) | [News Links](#)
[Traffic](#) | [Transit & Travel](#) | [Station Info](#)
[Privacy Policy/YOUR CALIFORNIA PRIVACY RIGHTS](#)
[Terms of Use](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Search](#) | [Contact Us](#)

Sponsored Links

Mortgage Rates as Low as 2.9%

Up to 4 free offers! Compare and choose the best rate. No obligation. Bad credit okay!

www.homeloantrust.com

Problem Credit Mortgage Experts

Our problem credit mortgage specialists can help you refinance with a low rate! Receive up to 4 free offers. Pick the lowest rate!

www.homeloanhelpline.com

Under 3.0% Student Loan Consolidation

1.25% discount on federal rate. Low rates, fast processing. Everyone qualifies for discount! Complete entire consolidation process online or call.

www.topconsolidator.com

Mortgage Rates Hit Record Lows

Compare fast and free no obligation refinance quotes. Refinance today and lower your monthly payment!

www.lowermybills.com

Great Deals from Dell Home!

\$499 Dimension™ E310 desktop after savings with free CD-RW combo upgrade. \$799 Inspiron™ 6000 notebook after savings at Dell Home. Details here.

www.dell4me.com



Copyright 2006, KYW Newsradio. All rights reserved.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1992 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY HERMAN, GINGRICH, CURRY, McNAUGHTON, FREEMAN,
O'NEILL, HARHAI, SIPTROTH, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BELARDI,
CALTAGIRONE, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DALLY, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO,
FAIRCHILD, GEORGE, GOOD, GOODMAN, HARRIS, HESS, KOTIK,
LEVDANSKY, MARKOSEK, McILHATTAN, MUSTIO, PICKETT, SOLOBAY,
STABACK, TIGUE, WILT, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State
3 government; providing for the settlement, assessment,
4 collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts
5 due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and
6 other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth,
7 or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the
8 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other
9 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the
10 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims
11 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and
12 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to
13 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth
14 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
15 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
16 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
17 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
18 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
19 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
20 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
21 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
22 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
23 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
24 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
25 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
26 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
27 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
28 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
29 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the

1 Commonwealth;" further providing, in Local Government Capital
2 Project Loan Fund provisions, for assistance to
3 municipalities.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1603-D(a) of the act of April 9, 1929
7 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, added October 6,
8 1997 (P.L.387, No.46), is amended to read:

9 Section 1603-D. Assistance to Municipalities.--(a) The
10 department is hereby authorized, upon application of a
11 municipality, to make loans to the municipality for the
12 following purposes and in the following amounts:

13 1. Purchasing equipment. The amount of a loan made for
14 purchasing equipment shall not exceed [twenty-five thousand
15 dollars (\$25,000)] fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for any
16 single piece of equipment or fifty per centum of the total cost
17 of the piece of equipment, whichever is less.

18 2. Purchasing, constructing, renovating or rehabilitating
19 facilities. The amount of a loan made for purchasing,
20 constructing, renovating or rehabilitating facilities shall not
21 exceed [fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)] one hundred thousand
22 dollars (\$100,000) for any single facility or fifty per centum
23 of the total cost for purchasing, constructing, renovating or
24 rehabilitating the facility, whichever is less.

25 * * *

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

> ready > set > succeed

< Home

→ FUNDING & PROGRAM FINDER

→ BUSINESS

→ COMMUNITY

→ SITE REVITALIZATION

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

▶ FUNDING & PROGRAM FINDER

Program Information

Local Government Capital Project Loan Program (LG CPL)

Low-interest loans to local government for equipment and facility needs.

Eligibility: Local Government with populations of 12,000 or less

Uses: Rolling stock and data processing equipment purchases or the purchase, construction, renovation or rehabilitation of municipal facilities

Where To Apply: [Customer Service Center](#), [Single Application for Assistance](#)

Amounts: 50% of the total cost of purchasing equipment up to a maximum of \$25,000 or 50% of the total cost for purchase, construction or renovation of municipal facilities up to a maximum of \$50,000

Terms: 2% interest rate; Repaid over a period not to exceed 10 years or the useful life of the equipment or facility; Refer to program guidelines

Guidelines:

[Capital Projects Guidelines](#)

Location:

Any
Location

Type of Funding:

Loan

Purpose of Funding:

Equipment and
Facilities

[Return to Previous Page](#)



866-GO-NEWPA (866-466-3972)
ReadySetSucceed@newPA.com

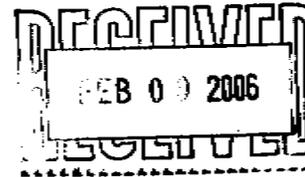
[Contact Us](#) | [Site Map](#) | [Legal](#) | [Commonwealth of PA](#)

Pennsylvania College of Technology

One College Avenue
Williamsport, PA 17701-5799

(570) 326-3761
www.pct.edu

PENNSTATE



February 3, 2006

Kenneth Hess
Federal Surplus Property
PO Box 1365
2221 Forster St
Harrisburg PA 17105

Dear Kenneth,

On behalf of the Pennsylvania College of Technology and the Aviation program, I wish to express my appreciation to you for your generous donation of the 1981 Beechcraft BE-58P Baron SN TJ-368. The plane will be used for instructional purposes in our aviation program. Federal regulations require us to report that no goods or services were provided to you in exchange for this donation.

The College continually strives to offer our students the best possible training available. Your generous donation makes it possible to provide students with the hands-on experience, which allows for a quality education.

Again, thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Pennsylvania College of Technology and specifically the Aviation program. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,


John W. Williamson, Dean
School of Transportation Technology

Federal Surplus



Cargo Van, Mfg. Ford Motor Company, Club Wagon, 1995, 68417 miles, 5.8 liter, automatic, 9100 gw, 1 bench seat, rear cage section, good condition, Harrisburg warehouse. Item number 2320-06-0174-001, only 1 available, service charge is only \$3800.00.

[Please click here to return to the newsletter.](#)

Federal Surplus



Forklift, Mfg. Hyster, Model R30F, stock puller, electric, 24 volt with charger, 3000 lb capacity, 42" forks, good condition, Harrisburg warehouse. Item number 3930-05-0305-001, only 1 available, service charge is only \$2500.00.

[Please click here to return to the newsletter.](#)

Federal Surplus



Heating Cabinet, Mfg. Hupfer, Model SPTW-3, 208 volt, 3 compartments, 21 tray capacity for 20"x12" trays, good condition, Harrisburg warehouse. Item number 7320-06-0201-001, only 1 available, service charge is only \$125.00

[Please click here to return to the newsletter.](#)

Federal Surplus



Exercise Machine, Mfg. Nautilus, hip abduction, good condition, Harrisburg warehouse. Item number 7830-06-0137-006, only 1 available, service charge is only \$225.00.

[Please click here to return to the newsletter.](#)

Federal Surplus



Cabinet, Mfg. MDT Corp., 36"x24"x24" high, good condition, Harrisburg warehouse. Item number 6515-06-0137-007, only 2 available, service charge is only \$75.00.

[Please click here to return to the newsletter.](#)

Law Enforcement

1033 Excess Property



Undershirts, man's, quarter sleeve, brown, size medium, 3 pair per pack, **NEW**, service charge is only \$3.00

[Please click here to return to the newsletter.](#)

Law Enforcement

1033 Excess Property



Cold Weather Coat, camouflage pattern, sizes medium and small, good condition, service charge is only \$5.00.

[Please click here to return to the newsletter.](#)

Law Enforcement

1033 Excess Property



Overalls, crewmen's, 100% Aramid Insulated, sizes large-regular, good condition, service charge is only \$5.00.

[Please click here to return to the newsletter.](#)

Law Enforcement

1033 Excess Property



South Central Bucks County Regional Police Force
APC
BEFORE

[Please click here to return to the newsletter.](#)

Law Enforcement

1033 Excess Property



South Central Bucks County Regional Police Force
APC
AFTER

[Please click here to return to the newsletter.](#)