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“Unclaimed Property Sold at Police Division Auction”

Missing a lawn mower? It might be waiting for you at the City of Norfolk Police Division after someone saw it fall off a pickup and hauled it to the police station. There's lots of unclaimed items stored there. In fact, there's so much an auction is being held on July 9th, 2015 at 5:00 pm behind the police station to get rid of them.

Julie Knudson is the Property Officer for the City of Norfolk and is responsible for recording and storing all of the



abandoned bikes, recovered jewelry and multitude of other items that have been seized, stolen or confiscated in Norfolk.

She is dumbfounded by the items that are brought to the station that no one claims.

“We've had some really nice bikes that someone must be looking for. If they would give me a good description of what it looked like, I might be able

to find it for them,” Knudson said. She does all she can to track down the owners. Once, a business brought in pipe fittings that must have fallen off a trailer. Knudson called a business that sells those fittings and, sure enough, the owner came by to purchase new ones so got back the ones he'd lost.

Much of the time, though, people don't come looking for their items which are now filling the police storage shed. Knudson used to have a company who specialized in selling unclaimed property come in and sell it. The bikes might only bring \$1, though, so it was decided that they'd all be auctioned off by part-time auctioneer Gary Bretschneider, City of Norfolk Housing Coordinator.

There's at least 50 bikes of all shapes and sizes that will be sold. One is repainted – maybe as a way to mask that it was stolen. There's more than bikes to be auctioned off. X-Box games, a trailer tire, boots, a kicker speaker, Volvo bucket seats, a Nintendo 3DL XL and even an electric chainsaw will be auctioned off. The division won't auction off any guns- those are cut up and discarded.

The income from the auction goes to the Norfolk school system. Anyone missing a push lawn mower or wanting more information about the auction can call Knudson at 402-644-8700.