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On June 1, 2016 a Deputy responded to the Bates County Road and Bridge Department in reference to a burglary that had occurred on the property. When employees arrived at work that morning they noticed that the chain on the gate had been cut. Someone had gained entry to the building by prying a walk in door open. One of the things missing from the property was an enclosed box trailer that held a brand new Miller welder. It appeared that the thieves only took the tools that had the most value. The Bridge Dept. Supervisor estimated there was a minimum of \$10,000.00 in tools and equipment stolen. Some of the other items stolen were a Stihl Chainsaw, torch bottles and cutting equipment, ladders, impact guns, socket sets and various other tools.

The thieves who committed this crime not only stole from the County but they also stole from the tax payers of Bates County. If you know anything at all about this crime or saw anything suspicious in the vicinity of the Bates County Road and Bridge Department during the overnight hours on May 31, 2016 please do not hesitate to contact a Detective at the Bates County Sheriff's Office. Your tips can remain anonymous.