

## Irrigation Backflow Preventer Stolen 7-11-11

There's good news and bad news. The bad news is one of our Irrigation Backflow Preventers was discovered missing on Monday 7-11-11. They busted the lock and stole the device for the brass recycling value. The first estimate we got to replace it was over \$2000.00! The good news is the Police caught a Winchester resident doing the same thing at park not far from here and he had several stolen backflow preventers in his possession! We filed a Police report and will be following up with the arresting officers to see if we can claim one of the stolen devices and save the \$2000.00. Your HOA Board of Directors is also looking at additional security options for these devices to try to stop this from happening again.



### Valves taken from Lake Skinner area

Stolen brass water valves at a park near Lake Skinner led to the Wednesday arrest of a 42-year-old Winchester man, Riverside County sheriff's officials said.

John Melvin Harrison was arrested at 7:33 p.m. along Fieldview Road on suspicion of grand theft and possession of burglary tools, jail records show.

The theft was reported at 7:20 p.m. at Fairfield Park at Washington Street and Shrimp Lane in an unincorporated area between Lake Skinner and Murrieta. The suspect had six large brass back-flow valves and intended to recycle them, Sgt. Keith Knotek said in a statement. He hid them in bushes, Knotek wrote.

"The suspect ... dropped a toolbox containing various burglary tools while attempting to flee from deputies," the sergeant said.

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