

PADUCAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Place: Area of 30th and Clark streets, Paducah

Suspect: Dewayne E. Sharp, 42, of North 34th Street, arrested on a charge of felony theft by unlawful taking

A Paducah man was jailed after he stole metal from two businesses and sold it to a local recycling company.

Dewayne E. Sharp was arrested at mid-afternoon after a witness to the thefts contacted police.

The witness, an employee of CN Railroad, told Officer Shawn Craven that he saw a man – later identified as Sharp – stop at the railroad tracks at South 30th and Clark streets and load metal plates into the back of a black SUV. The witness took photographs of the SUV while the theft was occurring, Craven said.

The witness then followed Sharp to the lot of Ray Black and Sons, 348 S. 31st St., where the witness saw Sharp loading metal plates into the SUV.

Craven's investigation led him to River Metals Recycling, where he learned that Sharp had brought the metal there to sell. The witness's photographs of the thief's vehicle matched surveillance photographs from River Metals Recycling of the vehicle that had dropped off the metal plates. Additionally, the witness's description of the thief matched the images of the man on the surveillance photographs.

Craven interviewed Sharp at the police department, and Sharp admitted stealing the metal plates. He was charged and booked into McCracken County Regional Jail. All of the stolen plates, total value \$1,855, were recovered.