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Delta School Theft Case Resolution

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – In 2008, 3,675 larceny theft and burglary cases were reported to the Alaska State Troopers and Alaska Wildlife Troopers. These cases take a lot of time, skill and hard work to solve.

One case in particular sticks out due to the number of high-dollar items stolen, the short amount of time it took for the goods to be recovered, the guilty party to be identified and for the that individual to be adjudicated. The case involved the theft of more than 50 computers, several overhead projectors, a few monitors and even the school's fancy video security system from the Delta High School on June 22. Five months after the theft occurred, thanks to a large partnership involving numerous law enforcement and judicial entities, the whole case is resolved.

When the case report was completed, the Fairbanks Youth Facility, in conjunction with the Fairbanks District Attorney's Office, reached a resolution with the 16-year-old culprit. In November, the boy agreed to pay the school \$10,000 in restitution, perform community service and not to return to the school property.

The case was solved on July 31 when more than 15 law enforcement officers from the Alaska State Troopers, the Alaska Wildlife Troopers, the Alaska Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the FBI, the University of Alaska-Fairbanks Police Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service converged on the small town of Delta Junction and confronted the 16-year-old who led them to a cache of 24 computers he admitted to stealing from the school. The [original press release](#) referencing this case is posted along with other [archived stories](#) on the Alaska State Troopers' Public Information Office Website called "[Trooper Times.](#)"

Over the past few years, the Alaska Bureau of Investigation has sought to further develop open dialogue, collaboration and information sharing with other law enforcement agencies in Alaska. This has also increased ABI's ability to successfully investigate crimes utilizing perpetually-evolving technology. Cultivating these relationships is what made the quick resolution of this case possible. Special thanks to Computer and Financial Crimes Unit's investigators who through creative solutions, innovation and professionalism, were able to successfully overcome all the red tape of bureaucracies to solve this case. Thanks to all of the troopers and other agency investigators who worked on this case.