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MARSHALL COUNTY, Ky. - Law enforcement in Western Kentucky has what one detective called a "difficult task" on their hands. Almost a week after they found truck loads of stolen goods they have to figure out who it all belongs to. What can you do now to protect your property? We explain.

Getting started now could save you a big headache later.

"Electronics, VCR's DVD's also a little furniture, jewelry, board games," said Detective Matt Hilbrecht as he listed off all the stolen items they found at a local mans home.

The majority of the items found in McCracken and Marshall Counties do not have any sort of identification.

For now the police have the property, but now it's up to you to prove that it's yours.



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"I know years ago people had the engraving pens that the school system would use. Put your name, phone number and date of birth you don't want to put too much information we don't recommend social security numbers because identity theft is a big issue these days," said Detective Hilbrecht.

Once you notice something is missing file a police report, "That way we can go back look at the report and try to match up the items seized with the reports," said Detective Hilbrecht.

There is no guarantee if you take all these steps the police will find what is missing;

But if they do, you can prove it is yours and save yourself the headache of trying to buy back a family heirloom at a police auction.

Officers say they will try to get all items back to the rightful owners; otherwise they'll be forced to auction them off.

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