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San Francisco Police Department Warns Community of Stolen Utility Covers 25-026

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The San Francisco Police Department is urging members of the community to be on alert for the theft of utility covers that leave sizable holes in city sidewalks that create a tripping hazard for pedestrians. For the past two years the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has reported over 400 sidewalk covers being stolen. The SFPD is investigating the thefts of these utility covers and is assisting in the recovery efforts.

If you see anyone removing or in possession of these utility covers, the SFPD requests that you call 911 immediately. If you locate these utility covers anywhere in the community the SFPUC and the SFPD request, you contact 311 so that the utility covers can be recovered. Please also report any missing utility covers to 311 so the appropriate department can address it.

The two types of utility covers being stolen are a dark colored circular shaped metal/cast iron cover with the words 'San Francisco Water Department,' and a white or light colored rectangular shaped concrete cover with the letters 'SFPUC.' Photographs of these utility covers accompany this news release.

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