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Wanted Theft Suspect

Detectives have been investigating a series of theft offenses from area businesses since June of 2023 and identified Michael Askins as the offender. Michael has stolen approximately \$12,000 dollars of merchandise from Lowes stores in Warren County and more than \$43,000 in total merchandise from Tri-State area Lowes stores.

Michael has active warrants through the Warren County Sheriff's Office for these felony crimes. He is known to drive a newer black Dodge Ram, and often removes the license plate during the commission of his crimes.

The Warren County Sheriff's Office is requesting any information which will lead to the apprehension of Michael Askins.

Michael is known to frequent the Cincinnati area and neighboring communities. He is described as a 38 year old white male approximately 6'00", 180 – 200 lbs, with short cropped hair. He has tattoos on his neck, hands and both arms.

Anyone with information which may assist in this investigation can send Crime Tips to crimetips@wcooh.org or contact Detective Paul Barger at 513-701-1799.

Images of Michael Askins are attached to the email.

Sergeant John Smith
Criminal Investigations Section