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Class Helps Police Detect Stolen Copper

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Companies worldwide are looking for ways to protect themselves from thieves.



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BECKLEY -- New technology may be an answer to the continuing problem with copper thefts.

Company owners and law enforcement officials met in Raleigh and Tazewell Counties Tuesday to discuss a new system that applies encoded microchips to copper wiring.

The dots not only identify the company that owns the wire but also the county where the copper was stolen.

Identification Technologies is the company that produces the dots.



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Officials with that company said protecting an average size power substation would cost about \$300.

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