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Operation Rollback

The Owensboro Police Department received information in February 2023 that Discount Motors was involved in rolling back the odometers in vehicles prior to reselling them. Officers with the Owensboro Police Department Traffic Unit opened an investigation in reference to the complaint and gathered evidence and witness statements. In the process of conducting the investigation, Federal and State partners were contacted for assistance and consultation for their expertise in these matters, and a joint investigation was conducted. The investigation determined that Discount Motors owner, Eddie Howard, and salesman, Donald Adams, acted together in utilizing electronic devices to commit multiple acts of fraud.

On Thursday, April 13, 2023, Officers with the Owensboro Police Department along with Federal and State agencies executed a search warrant at the business which resulted in the seizure of evidence related to the crimes. Evidence seized includes: approximately \$350,000 in cash, 3 firearms, in excess of 100 Oxycodone pills, 2 vehicles, and electronic devices utilized to perpetrate fraud.

As a result of the investigation, Eddie Howard (63 years old of Owensboro) and Donald Adams (60 years old of Owensboro) were both arrested and lodged at the Daviess County Detention Center on the following charges:

- Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Greater than or equal to 10 Dosage Units Drug Unspecified) (Firearm Enhancement)
- Tampering with Motor Vehicle/Motor Home Odometer (20 counts)
- Prescription Controlled Substance Not Proper Container 1st Offense

Howard has previously been charged with the following:

- **Assault 4th Degree – Domestic Violence – No Visible Injury**
- **Business/Employee Fail to Return, or Falsely Return, or Failure to Pay Taxes with Intent to Evade Tax**

Adams has previously been charged with the following:

- **Criminal Abuse 2nd Degree – Child 12 or Under**
- **Assault 4th Degree**
- **Criminal Trespassing 3rd Degree (2 Counts)**
- **Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree**

Members of the Owensboro Police Department are committed to working with our Federal and State partners to protect the most vulnerable members of our community. The Owensboro Police Department is continuing to work on this investigation and believes there are additional victims in our community.

If you believe you are a victim or have additional information, please call OPD at 270-687-8888, or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 270-687-8484.