

# News Release



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## **Airport Lost and Found Items—*Going, Going, Gone!***

Items travelers have left behind at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport over the past ten years will be included in an auction Saturday.

Goods from the airport's Lost & Found, including more than 150 cameras, and hundreds of bracelets, rings, necklaces, earrings, and watches, computer equipment, including some laptops, 15 discmans, 60 cell phones, 25 pagers, camcorders, binoculars, calculators and palm pilots. Some of the jewelry contains real gold and silver and has been appraised by jewelers.

"Over 30 million passengers arrive or depart DTW annually," said the airport authority's purchasing director, Renee Marsh. "That's 30 times the equivalent of the population of Detroit. Our Lost & Found makes every attempt to return items if the owner can be identified, but many items are never claimed."

Besides lost and found items, equipment no longer needed by the Wayne County Airport Authority will be auctioned, including: 11 Ford Explorers and six Jeep Grand Cherokees, most with high mileage. Three Ford Taurus', seven golf carts and a variety of copiers, computer monitors, typewriters, office furniture and tools will be on the block.

"We are obligated to dispose of surplus property in an economical and efficient manner," says Genelle Allen, the Authority's Senior Procurement Vice President. "This mechanism allows us to dispose of surplus property and generate some revenue at the same time."

Wayne County will also be auctioning off vehicles and equipment at the same location Saturday, such as dump trucks, traffic lights, backhoes and generators. A bulldozer and crane are also included.

The auction will take place **Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m.** at Martin's Towing, 17180 Dix-Toledo Road (near the intersection of Pennsylvania and Allen Roads) in Brownstown. The phone number for Martin's Towing is (734) 283-8003.

Pre-inspection is on Friday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.