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## **Press Release**

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## U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the Port of New York/Newark Set New Mark

These Latest Seven Recovered Stolen Outbound Vehicles

NEWARK, NJ. -On September 21, 2023, U. S. Customs and Border Protection at the Port of New York/Newark seized seven outbound stolen vehicles bringing their total for fiscal year 2023 to 365 recovered stolen vehicles, one for each day of the fiscal year, and it isn't over yet. CBP has worked with Homeland Security Investigations - led Newark Auto Export Crimes Task Force and the Hudson County Sheriff's Department, without whose help this record achievement would not be possible.



**Recovered Outbound Stolen Vehicle** 

These latest seven vehicles recovered on September 21, were destined to Western African countries, with an estimated value of \$395,967. That brings the overall value of the 365 vehicles recovered so far this year to an astounding \$21,035,930.

"When law enforcement partners together and shares their expertise, it acts as a force multiplier against these complex, international criminal organizations," said Francis J. Russo, Director New York

Field Operations. "Our continued diligence and determination in dismantling these dangerous transnational criminal organizations by using a multi-pronged approach, disrupts these illegal organizations and causes them financial pain while protecting our community."

"This is truly an amazing accomplishment by our highly motivated CBP officers. Working alongside HSI-BEST and the Hudson County Sheriff's Department, they were able to establish this new record for recovered outbound stolen vehicles here at the Port of New York/Newark." said TenaVel T. Thomas, CBP Port Director, Port of New York/Newark. "Using a multi-layered enforcement strategy that combines intelligence gathering, x-ray technology and on the ground expertise, we have successfully recovered one stolen car a day for the entire fiscal year and the year isn't over yet!"

Stolen Vehicles recovered: 7 (value \$395,967.00 USD)

1.	2020 Ford F-150 Raptor	\$56,028.00
2.	2021 Ford F150 Raptor	\$73,805.00
3.	2023 Hyundai Sante Fe	\$37,037.00
4.	2023 Dodge Ram 1500 Bighorn	\$55,413.00
5.	2022 Dodge Ram 1500 Laramie	\$57 <i>,</i> 935.00
6.	2020 Range Rover Sport	\$64,933.00
7.	2019 Audi Q8	\$50,816.00

CBP's mission is to safeguard America's borders thereby protecting the public from dangerous people and materials while enhancing the Nation's global economic competitiveness by enabling legitimate trade and travel. The men and women of CBP who are assigned to the Port of New York and New Jersey take this mission and commitment to the public very seriously and will continue to work with our partners and stakeholders to ensure our continued success.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the comprehensive management, control, and protection of our nation's borders, combining customs, immigration, border security, and agricultural protection at and between official ports of entry.

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