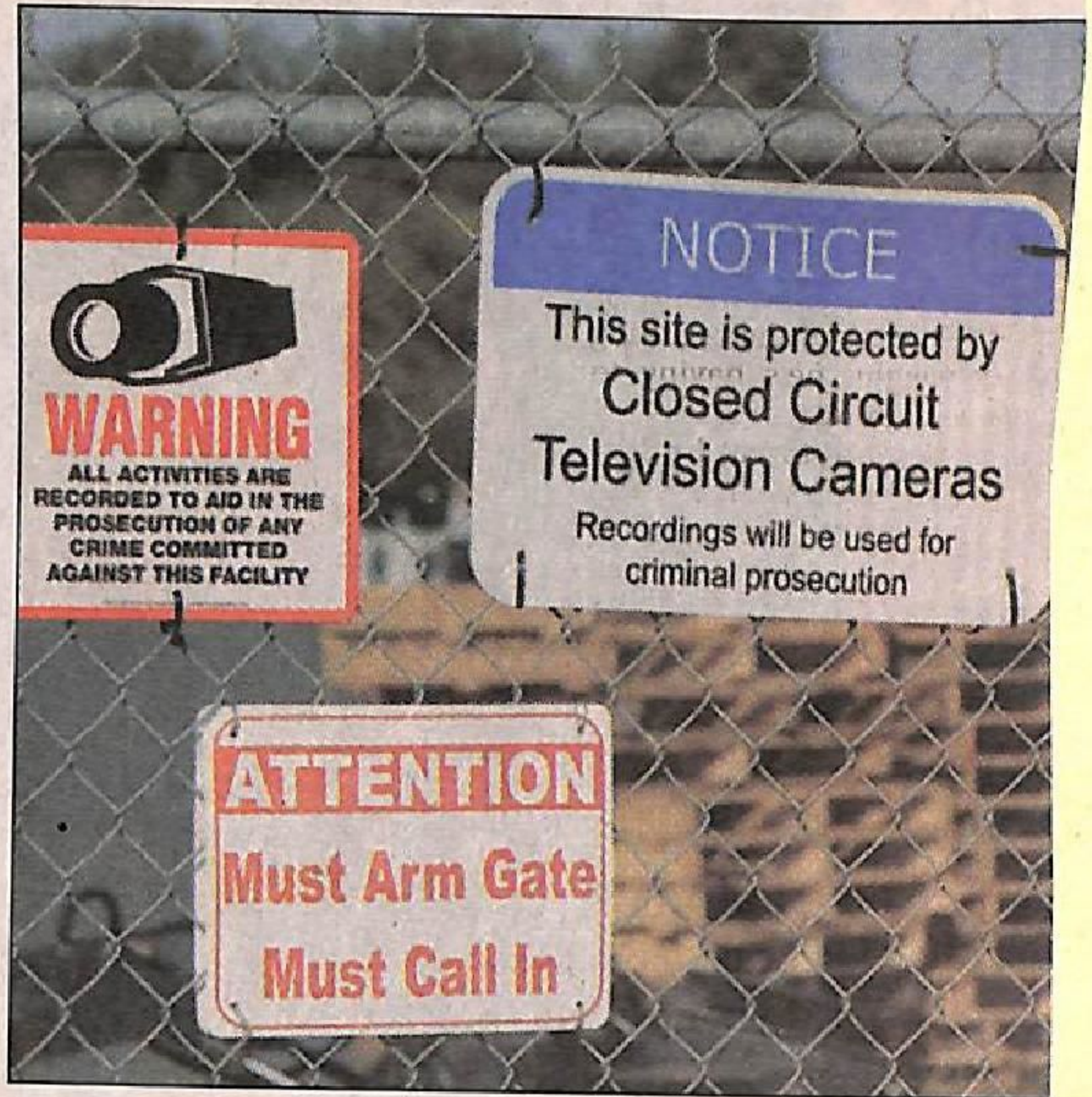




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A van was found, partially full of copper wire, after police were alerted to a break-in in progress at HD Supply in Colborne early Monday morning.



Numerous warning signs were only a few metres from where the van had property.

Break-in at Colborne business caught on video sur



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Northumberland OPP Sgt. Paul Zeggil walks by some of the cable removed from the property. A set of cutters were left near a van along with thicker copper wire that was cut and placed in a cube van.

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warning signs indicating the area was monitored by video surveillance.

The suspect van was partially filled with cable.

"They were definitely after copper wire," OPP Constable Phil Clarke said.

A large cube van was located at the scene while another van was seized at the parking lot on Percy Street, just north of Purdy Road.

Clarke couldn't confirm the second van was used as a spotter vehicle but said a "common thing for these people to do is to keep somebody on the lookout for the police."

As a result of the arrests,



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A pair of cutters were found at a nearby business. Another pair were found just by the cargo van.



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A piece of thick copper cable had been cut from a large spool.

Northumberland OPP are working with other police agencies to determine if the suspects were involved in other break-ins for copper wire.

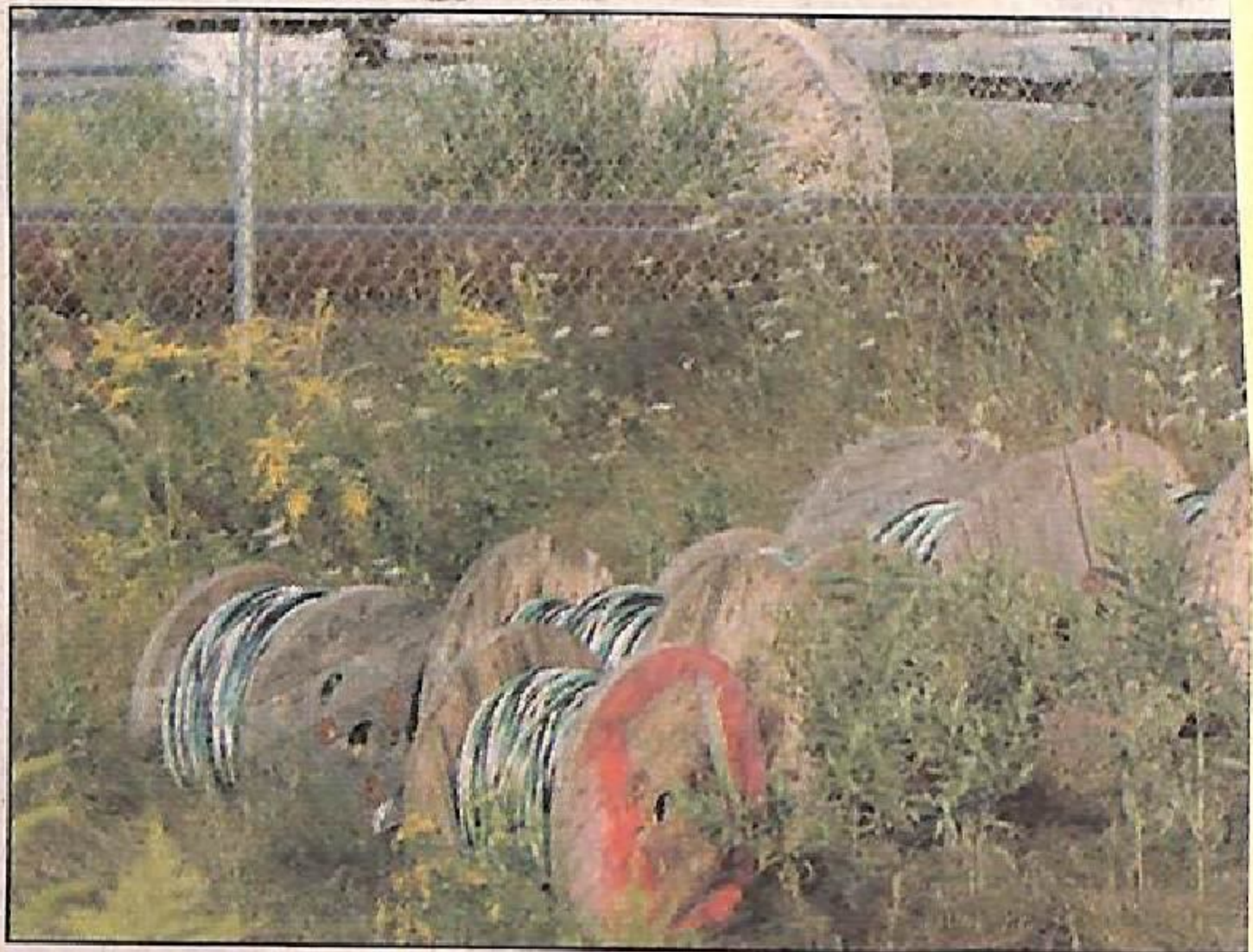
"The extent of their involvement in other areas is being investigated right now but it's fair to say several parties are being looked at by other agencies," Clarke said.

The cargo van has been

marked as a suspicious vehicle by other police agencies investigating copper thefts.

"The one van has been associated to this group of people for several months now," Clarke said.

Police would also like to thank numerous citizens who helped give police information after spotting the suspects in fields or crossing area roadways, he said.



Copper spools sit outside the fence. Police believe the suspects would have

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