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### *CID's Recycled Metals Program Recovers Statue Stolen from Albuquerque Museum*

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** – The Construction Industries Division (CID) of the Regulation and Licensing Department announced today that they have recovered a statue that was stolen from the Albuquerque Museum, last week. This recovery was a result of industry cooperation with CID's Recycled Metals Program.

"Sparky" the dog statue stolen from the Albuquerque Museum was turned into CID by the owner of a Secondhand Recycled Metals Facility. The facility owner cited his recognition of the statue from the news and his positive relationship with the Recycled Metals Compliance Officer as the reason for turning over the stolen property.

"We could not be happier with the outcome of this situation," said Mike Unthank, Superintendent of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department. "The fact that Sparky was returned is a testament to the success of our Recycled metals program."

The Regulation and Licensing Department, through the Recycled Metals Program, regulates the sale of certain recycled metals, which are purchased by secondhand metal dealers. The Regulation and Licensing Department works closely with state and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure that all secondhand metal dealers are not buying or selling stolen materials and are fully compliant with all reporting requirements.

"We are working closely with the Albuquerque Police Department to bring those responsible for the theft, to justice," said Pat McMurray, Director of the Construction Industries Division of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department. "Once the police have completed their investigation, the statue will be returned to the Albuquerque Museum."

The Construction Industries and Manufactured Housing Division protects consumers by regulating the industry through policies that promote business

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growth, safety, and general welfare of the public. The Division strives to provide excellent customer service, every time, while:

- Ensuring that construction is performed in a safe, competent, and professional manner;
- Licensing contractors and enforcing licensing laws;
- Requiring licensure for any person practicing or offering to practice construction contracting;
- Enforcing the laws, regulations, and standards governing construction contracting in a fair and uniform manner;
- Providing resolution to disputes that arise from construction activities.

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