

## The fiber optic cable was stolen at the construction site



### Overview

In Johnston County, someone stole nearly 100 feet of fiber optic cable from Rains Mill Road in the eastern part of the county, knocking hundreds of Spectrum customers, including Wayne County schools offline. The disruption cost the service provider nearly \$150,000 in. Spectrum is offering a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the theft of fiber optic cables in Johnston County. Authorities say a rise in copper prices has led to an increase in attacks on communication networks. on July 15. JACKSONVILLE, Fla. "It is absolutely frustrating and the events have been increasing in frequency," said Rob Meyer, the vice. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office hit a break in a case that modern-day Luddites might admire for its sheer audacity, if not for its illegality.



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“Posing as utility workers, these suspects stole cables and carefully stripped them for their copper content. With the help of surveillance, witness statements, recycling records, and advanced...

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The cause was traced to a Spectrum fiber optic line that had been cut. Spectrum is reporting a 200% increase on attacks to its fiber optic infrastructure this year.

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These attacks aren't limited to copper cables; even fiber-optic lines, which contain no copper, are being damaged by criminals seeking valuable materials. The impact extends across rural ...

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