



Campaign gets award for effort

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The Name and Shame campaign run by the Housing Industry Association's WA region has won a national award.

The innovative campaign has been set up to say "enough!" to anyone who thinks it's OK to pilfer from building sites.

It won a Certificate of Merit at the Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards which was later presented to campaign chairman Pino Monaco by Police Minister Rob Johnson at a private meeting.

The win was a victory along the way to stamping out stealing from building sites but there's still a long way to go.

In February, more than \$115,000 worth of materials was stolen from Perth building sites,

including glass panels, hot water systems, doors, door frames, cement and timber.

The worst-hit areas were Ellenbrook, Butler, Beeliar, Baldivis, Beechboro, Hamilton Hill, Stirling, Wellard, South Guildford and Belmont. Because of the campaign, however, several people are facing charges.

Earlier last month, a site supervisor discovered about \$1000 worth of timber missing from a southern suburbs building site.

He decided to check around the area and when he looked over the neighbour's fence into the backyard, he saw a pile of timber.

The supervisor contacted Name and Shame investigators who then called the police and subsequently

the neighbour was charged and has been summonsed to appear in court.

Also in the southern suburbs, after supplying concrete to a builder, a truck driver is alleged to have stolen bags of cement from a building site next door.

He was charged with theft after police followed up a report from a witness made to the Name and Shame hotline.

The campaign also targets vandals who think it's fun to smash up homes under construction or scrawl graffiti on the walls.

The Name and Shame hotline can be contacted on 1300 273 9 273. For more information go to www.hianameandshame.com.au.



Damage done by vandals at a home under construction in Ascot.



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