

STOLEN FORD WAS WRECKED BY AUTO THIEF

FORD COUPE TAKEN FROM DOLL
FARM FOUND SATURDAY IN
SHEYENNE RIVER WOODS IN
WRECKED CONDITION

Revenge seems to have been the motive back of the theft of the Ford coupe taken from the garage of Julius Doll, northeast of Binford, last Wednesday night. The car was found Saturday in the woods near the Sheyenne river bridge on the McVille road, only a few miles from the Doll home, and apparently abandoned there for the sole purpose of wrecking it to such an extent that considerable expense would be entailed in making repairs and securing new parts.

Discovery of the theft was made Wednesday morning, by Mr. Doll and his son-in-law, P. E. Culp. The thieves took every precaution to prevent being heard and to avoid capture. It is presumed that the coupe was pushed from the shed, and this done, the gasoline tank of another Ford which was standing outside, was filled with water to prevent starting and pursuit in case any of the household had been awakened before they could make their getaway.

Mr. Doll and Mr. Culp immediately started in search of the car, and farmers in the neighborhood and authorities in the towns were notified of the theft. Late Saturday afternoon, a farmer living near the river discovered the car in the woods, while returning from work in the field. The discovery was made known to Mr. Doll Sunday.

The revenge theory appears to be plausible as any. The abandonment of the car and its wrecked condition strengthens this belief. The car was driven far enough into the woods to obscure it from anyone passing on the main road. The top and cushions were slit, all the wires were cut, steering wheel broken, lamps smashed, clamps removed from the manifold and thrown away, and even the license tags taken off. No damage was done to the body or wheels.

It was a dirty, low-down, malicious piece of work and it is hoped that the guilty culprit will be caught and punished to the fullest extent of the law.

The car, although not a late model, was practically as good as new, as it had not been used to any extent.