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Newport News workers spring into action when ducklings get separated from mother, stuck in storm drain. **Photos in News**

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## FBI GETS DOCUMENTS IN COPYCAT TRUCK SUIT



**ABOUT THE LAWSUIT:** Liebherr USA accused former workers at its Newport News plant of conspiring to steal documents allowing Chinese companies to build a mining truck (far left) at a fraction of the cost of Liebherr's own vehicle (near left). Those named in the suit deny the allegations.

**ABOUT THE CRACKDOWN:** In April, the FBI announced agents would fan out to more than 250 businesses in Hampton Roads in an effort to spread the word about cracking down on the theft of trade secrets by overseas governments and corporations.

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**NEWPORT NEWS** — The FBI is looking into a case in which a local manufacturer is accusing several of its former workers of stealing designs for a huge mining dump truck for copycat truck production in China.

A lawsuit brought by Liebherr Mining & Construction Equipment — a Swiss company that runs a mining truck factory in Newport News — has been strictly a civil proceeding. But the FBI's recent request for numerous documents from the case could indicate the agency is exploring criminal charges.

The FBI has recently made it a national priority to go after economic espionage, in which foreign entities — particularly those in China and Russia, the agency says — rip off sensitive American business know-how.

On May 13, the FBI's Detroit office filed a request with the Newport News Circuit Court, asking the clerk's office for 32

## WHAT'S IN AIR IN CITY'S SOUTHEAST?

A nonprofit wants to know, and it's lobbying the state to monitor pollutants amid terminals, industries, interstate



A coal terminal rises above Newport News' Southeast Community, as seen from the intersection of 16th Street and Marshall Avenue. A nonprofit wants the state to install an air monitoring system to determine if residents are breathing harmful pollutants, including coal dust. **KAITLIN MCKEOWN/DAILY PRESS PHOTO**

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### Coal dust concerns

Southeast Newport News residents have raised worries that coal dust floating into residential neighborhoods causes property damage and, possibly, health problems, such as asthma. Rick Cole, Dominion Terminal Associates president, says steps the terminal has taken to cut dust are working. Newport News Mayor McKinley Price, who has been outspoken on the issue, agrees, saying the situation has improved in recent years.

The only state air monitoring system next door to the Southeast Community.

Many of the Southeast Community's nearly 19,000 residents have long suspected that these environmental factors could be causing health problems, such as

asthma, cardiovascular issues and diabetes, all of which can be linked to toxic air pollution.

However, a lack of data to support a link between the two has been the roadblock in previous attempts to address the problem.

"Without the data to link, it's hard to put pressure on the corporation or industry to do something about it," said Anna Jeng, associate professor of community and environmental health at Old Dominion University. "We strongly believe the environment is one of the contributing factors."

The coalition believes an air monitoring system is the first step in gathering that data.

"Historical records reveal that the legacy of industrialization in

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## SYMPHONY'S JULY 4 CONCERT CAN'T SURVIVE CW FUNDING CUT

Supporters' campaign to make up for loss falls short; popular patriotic show canceled

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When Colonial Williamsburg cut funding for the Virginia Symphony's July Fourth outdoor concert this year, symphony supporters began looking for other ways to raise the more than \$50,000 needed. They approached the Wil-

liamsburg City Council, which indicated it would kick in about \$23,000 to pay for the orchestra. And they launched an online Kickstarter campaign to raise another \$26,000 to pay for the staging, audio set-up and large video screen.

But this year's efforts weren't successful, said Bert Aaron, a Williamsburg-area resident who sits

on the Virginia Symphony board.

"The symphony had a deadline, and we had 20 days to raise the money," said Aaron, who launched the campaign with Adam Steely, an owner of the Blue Talian Bistro. "We just couldn't do it."

The popular concert, held for the past three years on the Palace Green, attracted an estimated 35,000 people, he said. Combined with the fireworks, it was an

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documents in the 2011 lawsuit. That includes the initial complaint and two amended complaints; 12 answers to those complaints by the defendants; some email documents; and 15 exhibits.

The clerk's office provided the FBI with most of those documents over the next week, save for nine exhibits that are sealed on the basis that they include proprietary information.

It's unclear why the FBI's Detroit office would be involved, though a Michigan company — along with the Newport News workers and Chinese manufacturing companies — is a central defendant in Liebherr's 104-page lawsuit.

The lawsuit accuses the Michigan firm, Detroit Heavy Truck Engineering (DHTE), of helping to spearhead the conspiracy by recruiting several of the former Newport News workers to join its ranks for the purpose of stealing Liebherr truck designs and plans.

Then, the suit contends, DHTE's top two officials — Liangu "Mike" Huang, and vice president Shengor "Ted" Ying — passed that information to Chinese

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