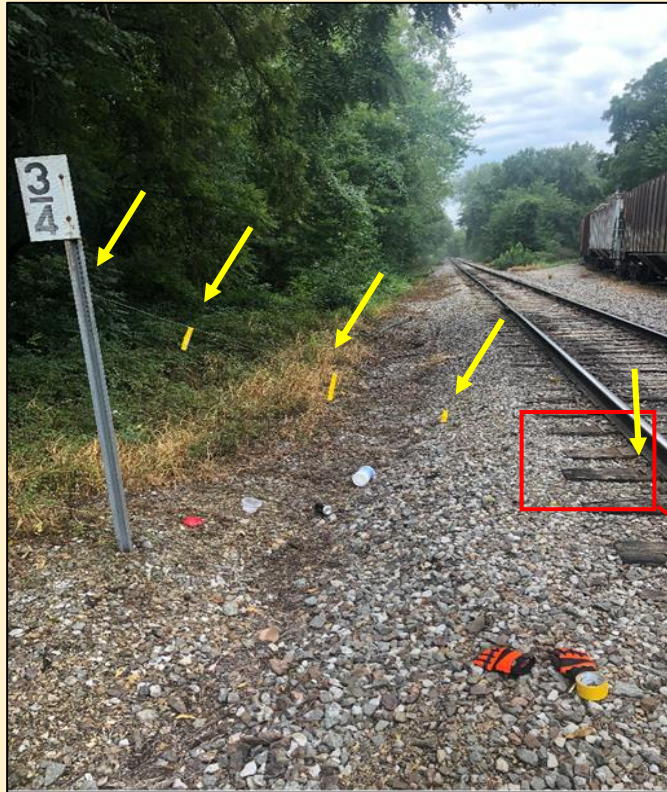
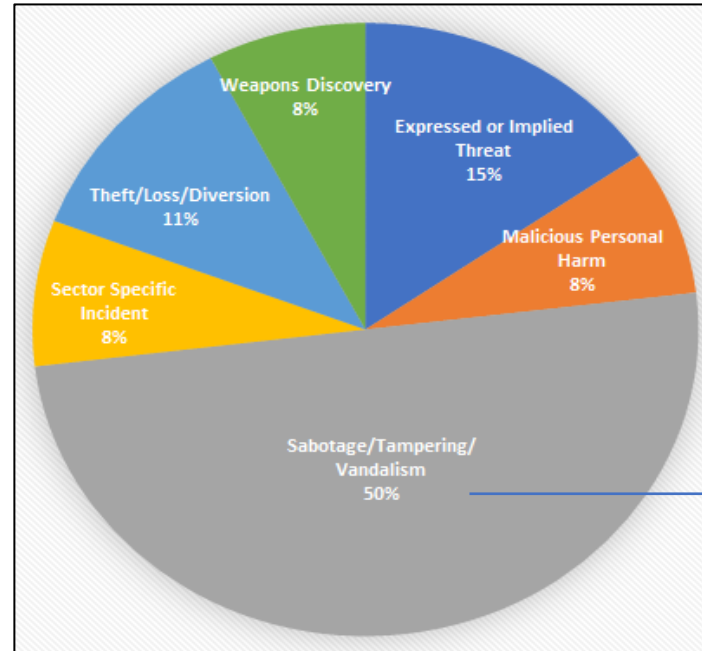


Class I Railroad Worker Reports Two Trip Wires Anchored to Track Spikes Near Harrisonville, Missouri

On Friday, August 19, 2022, a rail worker discovered two trip wires – one high, one low – anchored to track spikes and signage along the right-of-way near the town of Harrisonville, Missouri. The wires were marked with yellow tape by responding local law enforcement officers for photographic record purposes for the investigation of the incident. The area at which the wires were affixed is in relatively close proximity to a homeless encampment.



The affixing of these wires – difficult to find even when looking for them, much less see while performing professional duties along the right-of-way – presents a substantial hazard for railroad workers. Reviewing reporting over the past year, five Class I railroads that operate in Missouri have reported a total of 26 significant security concerns. While most of these have involved tampering and vandalism, some have entailed threats, weapons findings, and risk of harm to people or property.



Security Incidents in Missouri Since Late August 2021

Of note, during the past year, no discernable trend or pattern of similar reported significant safety or security concerns pertains in railroads' reporting of wire-related incidents and offenses at or near their property – either in Missouri or nationally.

Date	Location	Incident Description
July 25, 2022	Kansas City, MO	Train crew reported unknown subject pulled the pin on a train, causing a separation.
May 26, 2022	Kansas City, MO	Switch stand and switch derail targets were bent around to show the opposite switch point or derailling position.
May 11, 2022	Lee's Summit, MO	Material and debris placed on tracks.
May 6, 2022	Independence, MO	PTC Wayside Detector antenna vandalism
April 28, 2022	Mountain Grove, MO	Truck playing chicken with the train, pulling the attached trailer on and off of the tracks, causing the train to go into emergency.
March 31, 2022	Fisk, MO	Unknown subject turned and angle cock, retaining valve and handbrake on a railcar.
December 31, 2021	West Quincy, MO	Vehicle at the crossing fired a shot at the locomotive, struck just below the engineers window. No injuries. Engineer called police department.
December 11, 2021	St Louis, MO	Subject turned angle cocks on trains train, separated the rear five cars, causing them to roll down the hill
December 4, 2021	Kansas City, MO	Transient entered a stationary? locomotive and pulled the brake.
October 21, 2021	Kansas City, MO	Unknown subject was observed tampering with the tracks.
September 29, 2021	Liberty, MO	Unknown subject(s) turned two angle cocks on a train.
September 12, 2021	Festus, MO	Unknown subjects placed a shopping cart & propane tank on the tracks. First train struck it and lost air. Second train reported additional items - a couch and a kiddie swimming pool on the tracks.
August 27, 2021	Kansas City, MO	Unknown subject vandalized locomotives in storage.

Select Security Incidents in Missouri Involving Tampering, and Vandalism