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### ***DEPUTY ARRESTS METAL THIEVES & RECOVERS \$20K IN STOLEN PIPE***

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Greeley, Colo. – While on patrol a Weld County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) deputy observed drill stem pipe partially in the roadway. The deputy determined the pipe spilled on the road was stolen from a nearby work site. He is able to locate a pickup truck with trailer nearby and arrests the driver and passenger.

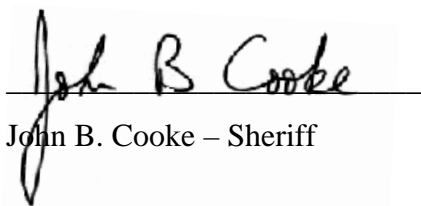
Around 2:45 this morning WCSO Deputy Armstrong observed several sections of drill stem pipe partially on the roadway of Weld County Road (WCR) 19, near WCR 20, about one mile east of Firestone. After continuing his investigation Armstrong located approximately 100 sections of the same pipe approximately 30 feet in length in the south bound lane and ditch area of WCR 19. The pipe has a value of about \$20,000 and is used in drilling and natural gas operations. Armstrong was able to determine the pipe was taken from a nearby Anadarko / Kerr-McGee work site.

Deputy Armstrong followed gouge marks in the roadway near the spilled pipe and located a pickup pulling a trailer leaving the immediate area. The driver, 22 year old Austin Cavey of Platteville was booked into the Weld County Jail on charges of felony theft, tampering with equipment associated with oil or gas gathering, operating an uninsured vehicle, driving a motor vehicle while under restraint, and displaying expired license plates. The passenger, 20 year old Travis Cavey of Platteville was booked into the Weld County Jail on charges of felony theft and tampering with equipment associated with oil or gas gathering. Both suspects are currently in custody and no bond has been set.

No booking photos are available as the case is still under investigation.

The Weld County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers, is seeking the assistance of anyone with additional information on these crimes. Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1000 reward in this case for information leading to the arrest and filing of charges.

Tipsters can call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), log on to [www.nococrimestoppers.com](http://www.nococrimestoppers.com) , or send a text message to CRIMES and begin the message with WCSO to share information while remaining anonymous.



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