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ALERT CITIZEN'S CALL RESULTS IN \$5700 RECOVERY

GREELEY, Colo. – An alert highway worker noticed a pickup loading equipment from a closed business and calls to report it resulting in recovered stolen items.

On May 1 around 5:30 pm a man working on a highway project in the immediate area of I-25 and Highway 66 noticed a pickup leave from the back of Longs Peak Equipment John Deere dealership. The man thought this pickup was suspicious as the business was closed at the time and the pickup had a John Deere riding mower and aluminum ramps in the bed.

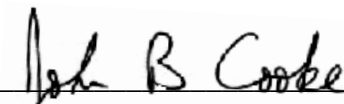
Weld County Sheriff's Office deputies began searching the area and located a pickup matching the description at a storage unit in Fort Lupton approximately 20 minutes after the incident was reported. Deputies determined the mower was in fact stolen from Longs Peak Equipment and actually belonged to a Lowe's Home Improvement in Aurora but was being repaired at Longs Peak Equipment. Inside the suspect's storage unit deputies located a John Deere "Gator" ATV which they determined had been stolen from an RV business in Larimer County but had not yet been discovered missing by the owner.

The value of the mower and ramps was determined to be approximately \$2200 and the value of the Gator is \$3500.

Troy Bonnell, 42 years old from Loveland was arrested and booked into the Weld County Jail on one count of felony theft and one count of felony theft by receiving. Bonnell posted a \$10,000 bond on May 2.

The Weld County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers, is seeking the assistance of anyone with 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 , or send a text message to CRIMES and begin the message with WCSO to share information while remaining anonymous.



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Attachment: Booking photo of Bonnell



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