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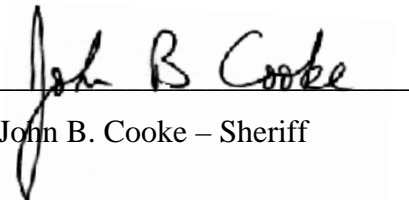
JOHN B. COOKE
SHERIFF

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ALERT BROTHER HELPS CATCH METAL THIEF

Greeley, Colo. – An alert family member helps catch a metal thief.

On the morning of June 17th, 2009 Weld County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the call of a theft in progress in the area of the 22000 block of Weld County Road 47 rural LaSalle, around 6:00 am. The caller told deputies he observed a small blue Ford Ranger pickup at his brother's home. He knew something was wrong as his brother was out of town that day. The caller continued to follow the pickup until it was stopped by Deputy Chapman in the 24000 block of Weld County Road 49 three minutes after receiving the call. Scrap metal found in the bed of the pickup was recognized as belonging to the caller's brother was recovered. The investigation revealed the driver of the pickup did not have permission to be at the location the items were taken from nor did he have permission to remove the items. The driver, 28 year old Douglas Sparks of Greeley was booked into the Weld County Jail for theft under \$500, a misdemeanor, second degree trespass, a misdemeanor, and driving under revocation, a misdemeanor, and two unrelated outstanding arrest warrants. Bond has been set at \$6000.


John B. Cooke – Sheriff

Attachment: Photo of Douglas Sparks



DOUGLAS SPARKS

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