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PRESS RELEASE

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On October 1, 2006, Weld County Sheriff's Office Deputy Eric Stauts was contacted by the victim of a stolen pickup who said Mike Dezell, 33, was arrested by the Colorado State Patrol in reference to the stolen pickup truck. The owner told Deputy Stauts the pickup truck was returned but a toolbox was missing. Deputies Kevin Schwartz and Eric Stauts went to Mike's residence, located in the 500 block of Highway 119, to follow-up on the stolen toolbox.

The deputies were able to determine a silver Ford F350 pickup which had been stolen from Larimer County was on the property. In addition to the pickup the deputies found a stolen license plate and cabinets with an address label which the deputies

recognized as the location of a recent crime where cabinets were stolen.

While inside a residence in the 500 block of Highway 119, as deputies continued to investigate, they were able to locate more cabinets which had been stolen from a nearby home in Weld County and a home in Longmont. The cabinets from the Longmont home were returned to the Longmont Police Department.

A search warrant was obtained to search the property and two stolen vehicles were found inside a shop in the 500 block of Highway 119.

To date deputies and investigators from multiple law enforcement agencies have recovered 25 vehicles which include cars, pickups, trailers, ATV's, and motorcycles. In addition, numerous construction materials, tools, and fixtures from area thefts have also been recovered.

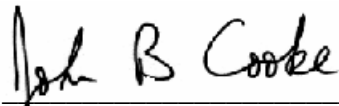
Property has been recovered from crimes that occurred in the jurisdictions of Longmont, Larimer County, Loveland, Thornton, Westminster, Dacono, Platteville, Broomfield, Boulder County, City of Boulder, City of Fort Collins, and the Colorado State Patrol. Items are released to the owners or the investigating law enforcement agency as they are

identified.

In total the estimated value of all property recovered so far exceeds \$500,000.00

Anyone with information or questions can call the Weld County Sheriff's Office at 970-356-4015 x 2825 or visit www.weldsheriff.com

The investigation is continuing.



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