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WIRE THEFT CAUGHT ON CAMERA – SECOND SUSPECT ARRESTED -

GREELEY, Colo. – A wire theft suspect has been arrested and booked into the Weld County Jail after tips helped deputies break the case.

On December 17, between the hours of 9:30 am and 1:30 pm two males entered the victim's property near Keenesburg on two separate occasions. The two suspects took 1100 feet of copper wire valued at more than \$7000. Because the victim had suffered other losses in the past he installed a camera system that is capable of taking pictures of a certain area when there is movement in that area. The camera system captured photographs of the suspects and their pickup truck during both thefts on December 17.

On December 24, the Weld County Sheriff's Public Information Office released a series of photographs captured by the camera system to the media. After the story was featured on television and print news outlets several tips were received. Deputies following up on the tips were able to locate the pickup truck and identify the suspects.

Sunday evening, December 28, the male suspect voluntarily arrived at the Weld County Sheriff's Office Fort Lupton Substation and was interviewed in reference to the wire theft.

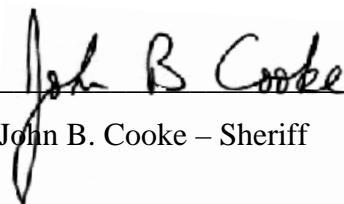
Matthew Scott Frazier, 28 years old from Brighton, was booked into the Weld County Jail on a felony theft charge.

This case is an example of a unique partnership with the public, media, and the Weld County Sheriff's Office. With the public's assistance deputies are more effective at solving crimes and enforcement. Nobody enjoys becoming a victim or living in fear and if not handled appropriately these situations have the potential to turn violent if the suspects are confronted by the victim. This victim took extraordinary measures to help cut his losses by installing the video camera which ultimately provided the photographs that allowed deputies to move forward on this case. By turning the evidence he acquired over to law enforcement this case was solved without the victim or suspects sustaining any injuries.

The original press release about this crime is [here >>](#)

The press release about the first arrest is [here >>](#)

Frazier's booking photo is on page 3 of this release.



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