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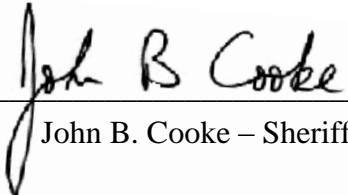
ANIMAL ABUSE INVESTIGATION; QUANAH CATTLE COMPANY

On 11-12-13, the Weld County Sheriff's Office was presented with a video that showed alleged animal abuses at the Quanah Cattle Company located in rural Weld County near Kersey. In review of the video provided, an animal abuse investigation was opened and 3 suspects that were shown in the video were contacted, interviewed and issued summons for Animal Cruelty (class 1 misdemeanor).

Through continuing investigation, the person who filmed the animal abuse was also contacted and interviewed by Sheriff's Detectives on 11-20-13. It was learned that Taylor Radig was associated with an animal rights organization identified as Compassion Over Killing and referred to herself as a "contractor" for said organization. Radig filmed the alleged animal abuses at Quanah Cattle Company where she worked as a temporary employee from mid July through September of 2013. During her employment at Quanah, Radig compiled many hours of animal abuse footage that was collected on an "as needed basis" The video footage was eventually provided to law enforcement by representatives of Compassion Over Killing approximately 2 months after Radig's employment ended with Quanah Cattle Company.

Colorado Revised Statutes 18-9-201 and 18-9-202 outline the definitions and descriptions of the crime of Animal Cruelty. Radig's failure to report the alleged abuse of the animals in a timely manner adheres to the definition of acting with negligence and substantiates the charge Animal Cruelty

Through the ongoing investigation, Radig was cited for Animal Cruelty (class 1 misdemeanor) due to her believed participation in the cattle abuse incidents reported to the Weld County Sheriff's Office. Additional investigation is anticipated.



John B. Cooke – Sheriff