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VANDALISM TO MOTOR VEHICLE SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Between Sunday September 14, 2003 and Sunday September 21, 2003, unidentified individuals vandalized numerous vehicles in Centennial and Unincorporated Arapahoe County by the use of a BB gun or Pellet gun. The suspects broke the side and rear windows of vehicles that had been parked at the curb and in driveways in residential areas. As of Tuesday September 23, 2003 the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office had identified 235 separate victims of the vandalism.

The vandalisms to vehicles being investigated by the Sheriff's Office occurred in two general areas; the first series committed from Sunday September 14, 2003 through Wednesday September 17, 2003 was bounded on the west by South Buckley Road, on the east by South Rivera Way, on the north by East Belleview Avenue and on the south by East Orchard Avenue. The second series of vandalisms occurred on Saturday September 20, 2003 through Sunday September 21, 2003 was bounded on the west by South University Boulevard, on the east by South Syracuse Street, on the north by East Arapahoe Road and on the south by East County Line Road.

Since receiving the initial reports of vandalisms to vehicles, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office initiated special response plans involving extra patrols, plain-clothes surveillance and information sharing with the community, with a focus on apprehending those responsible for the vandalism as quickly as possible. On Sunday September 21, 2003 the Sheriff's Office offered a reward of up to \$1,000.00 for

information leading to the arrest of those individuals responsible for the vandalism.

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In addition, Denver area media organizations provided coverage and encouraged any person with information to call the sheriff's office.

On Monday September 22, 2003, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office received information from two citizens that implicated the same individuals in the vandalism crime spree. As a result of the information provided, members of the Sheriff's Office conducted surveillance of the identified suspects. On Tuesday September 23, 2003 at about 11:30 P.M. the suspects were contacted on a traffic stop in the area of South Buckley Road and East Progress Avenue.

The driver, identified as:

Hagele, Joseph Austin - DOB 08/29/83
17154 East Berry Avenue Age 20
Centennial, Colorado 80015

(Photograph Available)

was contacted driving his parents vehicle, which is identified as a **Red 1993 Chevrolet Lumina.**

The passenger in the vehicle was identified as:

Trayer, John Tyson - DOB 07/05/85
5377 South Sedalia Court Age 18
Centennial, Colorado 80015

(Photograph Available)

The Sheriff's Office determined that Trayer was wanted on a felony arrest warrant involving allegations of contempt of court. Trayer was taken into custody without incident and is being held on a \$3,000.00 bond at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Detentions facility. While in custody, Trayer admitted that he and Joseph Hagele had committed several acts of vandalism to motor vehicles in Centennial and Unincorporated Arapahoe County during the dates of September 14-17, 2003 and also admitted that they committed additional vandalism on September 20-21, 2003.

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As a result of the investigation, members of the Sheriff's Office were able to recover the weapons used in the vehicle vandalisms. The following weapons were taken into sheriff's office custody as evidence:

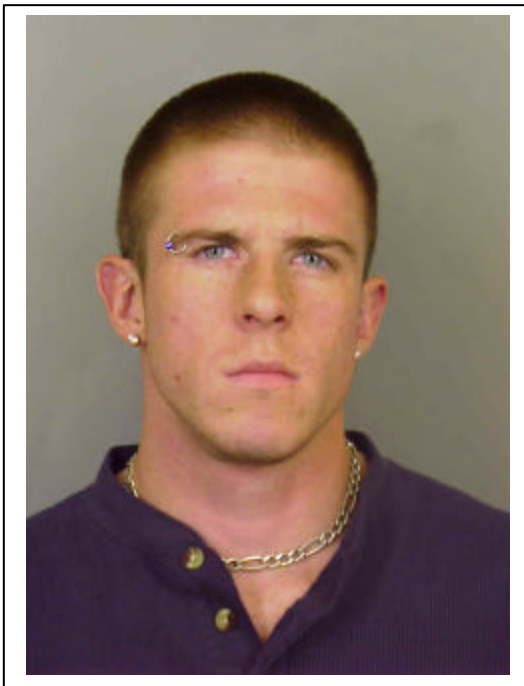
1 American Classic .177 caliber BB/Pellet pistol w/shoulder stock

1 Daisy .177 caliber lever action BB rifle

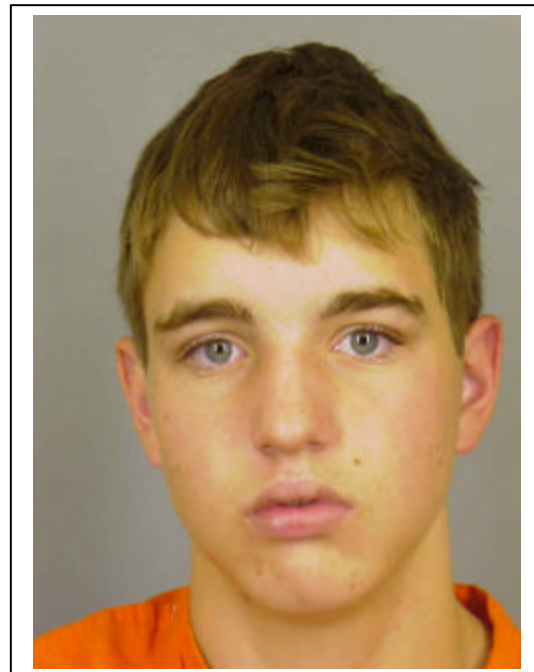
Trayer and Hagele will be charged with multiple violations of

C.R.S. 18-4-501, Criminal Mischief, a class three felony.

A class three felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration at the Department of Corrections for four (4) to twelve (12) years.



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