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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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For Immediate Release

Date: June 14, 2017

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Title: Two Arrested and Charged with Theft and Tax Fraud

**IMPORTANT:** Please direct any media requests to the contact above. Do not contact the Garfield County Emergency Communications Center or Patrol staff for media requests.

GARFIELD COUNTY, Colo. –

On July 13, 2017 the Investigations Division of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the Glenwood Springs Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) office, and the Rifle and Meeker Brand Inspectors executed a search warrant at a residence south of Silt, CO.

The search warrant was the result of an eight month investigation by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office into allegations of theft and embezzlement of money, livestock, and farm and ranch equipment from the Bear Wallow Ranch, just outside of Glenwood Springs, CO.

The investigation yielded information that the alleged thefts have taken place over the course of many years and have reached into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The suspects, Charles Zane Farris and his wife Charla Farris, were taken into custody on warrants for allegations of theft as well as tax fraud; each warrant had a bond amount of fifty thousand dollars. Mr. and Mrs. Farris were subsequently transported to the Garfield County Jail.

This continues to be ongoing investigation.

**No further information will be released at this time.**

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