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NEWS RELEASE

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Rash of Thefts from Well Pads in Western Garfield County

GARFIELD COUNTY, Colo. – Over the past three months, we have seen an increase in well pad thefts in western Garfield County concerning solar panels, batteries and related equipment. During this period, six reported thefts have occurred mainly in the areas west of Rifle and Parachute and along County Road 215. The four most recent incidents took place the final week of July.

The affected energy development companies include Williams Production and EnCana, and the estimated value of the stolen property is approximately \$13,650. Five of the cases are inactive pending further leads.

Anyone having any knowledge regarding these incidents or witnessing suspicious activity in or around energy development and related storage areas is encouraged to contact Garfield County Crime Stoppers at www.garcocrimestoppers.com or 970-945-0101.

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