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**Two Charged in Theft of Radioactive Device**

Two people have been charged with felony theft and trespass in the theft of a portable radioactive device in Thornton earlier this month.

Alexander Saul King (DOB 10/18/94) and Tasha Stapleton (DOB 8/16/89) are charged with theft from a vehicle (F5) and trespass with intent to commit a crime (F5).

The device was stolen on Oct. 13 and was recovered by Thornton police on Oct. 16. The device contains radioactive material and is used to measure compaction in soil, asphalt and concrete on construction sites.

King and Stapleton both have posted \$2,500 bonds. King is due in court today for advisement at 1:30 in Division 3 of Adams County Court. Stapleton's advisement is set for Nov. 1 at 1:30 p.m. in Division 4 of Adams County Court.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado Laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. See Colo. RPC 3.6

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