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NEWS RELEASE

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Crime Stoppers Offers a Reward for Missing Wheat Ridge Goats

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. Jan. 4, 2019 -- The Wheat Ridge Police Department (WRPD) is working with Crime Stoppers who is offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for information about the Wheat Ridge goats who are missing and presumed to have been taken from the Kipling Trailhead Open Space sometime between 3 p.m. on Dec. 30 and 5 a.m. on Dec. 31, 2018.

Five male LaMancha goats from 5 Fridges Farm in Wheat Ridge were reported missing from the enclosure at the Kipling Trailhead just off 38th Ave and Kipling St. The five missing male goats are Wendell, who is black and white with a long beard and big 6" horns; Daryl and his other brother Darryl, who are both brown with no horns; Yoda, who is black with long floppy ears and horns; and Creampuff, who is all white with horns. The goats spend spring and fall grazing noxious weeds on Wheat Ridge open space.

Wheat Ridge detectives believe someone tampered with the gate and because the goats have not been found, it is now believed they were taken. These are socialized goats used specifically for public events. They interact with the community in various locations throughout the City.

"These guys are very friendly and usually seek people out," stated Amanda Weaver, owner of 5 Fridges Farm. "We've had many wonderful volunteers out searching the greenbelt since they went missing. Because no one has seen them, even with all the media coverage, and with the broken gate, we believe they were taken and have not just wandered off. We just want them home with the rest of the herd, and hope the reward encourages someone to come forward with information so we can find them," Weaver continued.

Anyone with information about the missing goats is asked to call Crime Stoppers 720-913-STOP (7867), text DMCS plus your message to 274637, go online to www.MetroDenverCrimeStoppers.com/tip, use the Mobile App. Anyone contacting Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous. A reward of up to \$2,500 is being offered for information leading to an arrest or to the return of the 5 Fridges Farm goats.

About Wheat Ridge Police Department

The Wheat Ridge Police Department focuses on community policing where officers can gain skills, expand their knowledge, and become part of a team of officers and staff who know and trust each other. A department of 82 sworn and 24 non-sworn, WRPD serves a thriving community bordered on the east by Denver, on the west by Golden, on the north by Arvada, and on the south by Lakewood. The City of 9.5 square miles has a population of 31,000. New development is currently underway in a number of locations bringing new residents and businesses to this vibrant community known locally as "Sweet Ridge."

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