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“Eagle Eyed” Rafter Spots Stolen Trailer in Idaho Springs, ISPD Recovers Trailer

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On June 24th, 2022, at approximately 7:05 pm, it was reported to ISPD that a person who was on a rafting trip had spotted his 2021 Haulmark trailer while he was floating down Clear Creek. The rafter could see his unique decals on the side of the trailer that were related to his business. The trailer was originally stolen from the city of Denver back on November 28th, 2021. Once the rafter completed his rafting trip, he returned to notify law enforcement that he had found his stolen trailer. ISPD investigated the matter and found the trailer in the 3200 block of Riverside Dr. The trailer had been reported stolen out of Denver about seven months prior. The trailer had a fictitious license plate attached from another trailer. ISPD seized the trailer and has made arrangements to get the trailer returned to the victim.

ISPD tracked down the person who had possession of the stolen trailer, 37 year old, Lisa Sweeney, of Idaho Springs, Colorado. Sweeney stated she had purchased the \$7,500.00 trailer from an unknown couple from Colorado Springs for \$700.00. Sweeney admitted to putting incorrect plates on the trailer. Sweeney would not provide further details on the persons she allegedly purchased the trailer from. Sweeney was arrested and transported to the Clear Creek County Detention Facility. Sweeney has been charged with Possession of Stolen Property, 18-4-401 (2)(g), which is a class 5 felony.

As property crime continues to impact Colorado citizens, everyone is reminded to always keep your doors locked and call local law enforcement when you see suspicious activity. The circumstances surrounding the recovery of the stolen trailer are extraordinary considering the theft occurred seven months prior and the victim just happened to see the stolen trailer from a raft, floating along Clear Creek. ISPD found it to be rather gratifying to be able to assist a Denver area victim with the recovery of their stolen trailer.

