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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – SUSPECTS APPREHENDED AFTER
HOMEOWNER SHOTS RADIATOR OUT OF GET AWAY CAR**

[Lancaster, Ohio, June 15, 2012] “The Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office has arrested two individuals believed to be involved in a daytime theft offense from a Rushcreek Township farm,” stated Sheriff Dave Phalen. At 9:26 a.m. yesterday the Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call from Dave Merckle of 11320 Graffis Road, Bremen, Ohio who was reporting his brother was holding two suspects at bay in his driveway.

The property owner called stating two men knocked on his front door but by the time he went to the door they had pulled behind a building and were loading metal from a nearby garage into their truck. He approached and held them with a shotgun but one of the men tried leaving in the truck. The homeowner then shot the radiator with a shotgun. Neither the resident nor the suspects were injured. A third suspect, ZACKARIAH S. DYE, fled from another nearby garage. Fairfield County and several adjacent counties continue to search for him.

MATTHEW W. WILLISON, 37, of Millfield, OH and ROY R. KIMMEY, 32, of Nelsonville, OH have been charged with Petty Theft (M1), punishable by up to 180 days maximum confinement and \$1,000 maximum fine; Possession of Criminal Tools (M1), also punishable by up to 180 days maximum confinement and \$1,000 maximum fine; and Criminal Trespassing (M4), punishable by up to 30 days maximum confinement and \$250 maximum fine.

Detectives are continuing the investigation.

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