

Sheriff's deputies caught and arrested two men yesterday, the 28th of February, for stealing railroad spikes from railroad tracks belonging to the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Sheriff Davis praised the work of the two deputies who apprehended the suspects while investigating suspicious activities on the tracks near West Blue Ridge Road in the Flatrock area of Henderson County. During the course of their investigation, Sgt Coggins and Deputy Corn found the suspects in possession of over 500 spikes that had been taken from a stretch of active rail road track.

According to Sheriff Davis, "This act of theft could have easily had catastrophic consequences had a train derailed in this area. A spillage of chemicals or other hazardous materials as a result of a derailment certainly puts our citizens at risk, as well as the emergency services personnel that would be required in such an incident. Of course rail transport is a safe and effective method of transporting these products as long as the rails aren't tampered with. This was an incredibly selfish act on the part of these two individuals."

The men, both of whom appear to be illegal aliens, gave no address of residence. They are 37 year old Cruz Mario Carnacion,



and 35 year old Jose Luis Trejo-Yanez.



Both were charged with Felony Conspiracy to Damage Railroad Property, Willful Injury to Railroad Property, and Trespassing on Railroad Property. They were each placed under a \$25,000 dollar bond and ordered held on ICE detainers pending deportation proceedings.

The Henderson County Sheriffs Office and the Norfolk Southern Police are continuing to investigate the matter.

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