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Webster, FL

Cattle Rustling Arrest

On April 2, 2013 at 4:20 PM several ranchers met with Sumter County deputies in reference to cattle that were stolen from property off N. Warnell Rd., Coleman, Florida.

The victims told law enforcement that they received a phone call from the auctioneer at the Sumter County farmer's market in Webster. The auctioneer (who is also a co-owner of the stolen cattle) advised that Richard Branch had just sold six head of cattle through the auction that looked identical to their cattle. The ranchers went to the above property and discovered/confirmed 18 cows stolen.

While speaking with the deputy the victims received a call from a property owner n Lake Panasoffkee who advised that Richard Branch had dropped off some cattle on his property. The victims went to that property and confirmed that the cows were the rest of the stolen property. Deputies located Branch at his residence in Webster, Fl at approximately 7:58PM and arrested him for the below charges.



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Richard A. Branch III, DOB: 11/11/81
Grand Theft of Farm Animal Aquaculture Species
Bond: \$5000

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