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## MSPD Arrests Individual for Crystal Valley Cemetery Vandalism

MANITOU SPRINGS CO -- On May 26, 2021, more than 50 monuments and grave sites at Crystal Valley Cemetery in Manitou Springs were toppled and damaged. Thanks to a tip from a member of the public, the Manitou Springs Police Department was able to arrest Landon Wayne Johnston on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 on the charges of Criminal Mischief (F-5), Defacing Property (M-1), and Second Degree Criminal Tampering (M-2). Please remember, Landon is innocent until proven guilty.

Interim Chief of Police, Bill Otto, stated that “we are delighted to be able to make an arrest regarding the cemetery vandalism case. The Crystal Valley Cemetery is a historic point of interest in our community, and it pains us to see the damage done to the sacred property.”

This is still an ongoing investigation and no further information is available at this time. If any member of the public has information regarding other individuals believed to be involved, please reach out to MSPD at (719) 685-5407.





**Previous Press Release on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021:**

## Crime Stoppers Offer \$5,000 Reward for Information

MANITOU SPRINGS CO -- On May 26, 2021, vandals toppled and damaged more than 50 monuments and grave sites at Crystal Valley Cemetery in Manitou Springs. In addition, large amounts of trash and a small burn area were also found in the Cemetery.

Through the generosity of local citizens, a reward of \$5,000 is offered for information that results in a conviction of the person/persons responsible for these crimes. People who have information can share that with Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers and remain anonymous.

If you have information about this crime, call 719-634-7867, or visit [www.crimestop.net](http://www.crimestop.net). You will never be asked for your identity. Your information will be given a code number and should a conviction result from the information you share, Crime Stoppers will pay a reward that you can claim, again on an anonymous basis.

Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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