

ELECTED FIRE DISTRICT OFFICIAL SNARED IN STOLEN
BACKHOE CAPER
SCHRUM TRIO FACE ARRAIGNMENT ON THEFT CHARGES

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A member of the Hualapai Valley Fire District (HVFD) Board who is the subject of a recall effort has been indicted by a Mohave County Grand Jury on a felony charge of theft. Edward Schrum, 56, is charged in the alleged theft of a backhoe.

Schrum's son Steve, 36, and Steve's wife Denise, 35, are also charged in the case in which authorities say a backhoe owned by Freiday Construction was stolen from a job site in 2006.

Authorities allege the stolen backhoe was located on property where Steve and Denise Schrum reside off of U.S. 93 about 25 miles southeast of Kingman. Steve and Denise are indicted on two additional counts of theft related to stolen ATV's located on their property, according to law enforcement officials.

The Schrum's face arraignment on the theft charges April 28. Steve Schrum is also being prosecuted in a separate aggravated assault case stemming from a shooting last summer.

The recall effort targeting Schrum for removal from his elected position with the HVFD was launched last year. The ouster campaign that includes the proposed recall of HVFD Board member Jimmie Bodenhamer is based on management issues and is supported by a recall committee and the local professional firefighters union.