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Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 2:12 PM
To: Alex Silverman; Ariel Herrera; Bailey Gilliam; Ben Herbert; Billy Sauer; Brent Baker; Brett Burrows; Brett Christensen; Brian Sutton; Bryce Glen; Carter Hailey; Cathy Dalla; Chad Whiting; Colt Cornelius; David Mulkey; Derek Fruetel; Devan Salazar; Don Breier; Edgar Lara; Eric Vargas; Gabrielle Herrera; Harley Bornholdt; James Miller; James Roe; Jared Tetzlaff; Jesse Burris; Jim Schuckers; Joe Caputo; Josh Craine; Josh Osborne; Joshua Wilson; Kalob Foreman; Kevin Osborne; Lester Gherardini; Levy Burris; Lou Vallario; Maira Contreras; Matthew Graham; Matthew Jenness; Max Bowen; Micah Payton; Nate LaGiglia; Orrin Dimmick; Owen Snyder; Thomas Hartman; Police Investigations; John Hassell
Cc: Carter, Christopher C
Subject: FW: Inquiry into our facility ** Suspicious Activity at Federal Building**

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Hi all,

Please review the photos below… the photos are not the best, however maybe you have seen the subject around town.
Subject came up to the cleaning person inquiring about our federal building in Glenwood Springs he was asking if the building housed ICE or ATF.

We are looking for any information if you have seen or contacted the person… Thank you

Respectfully,

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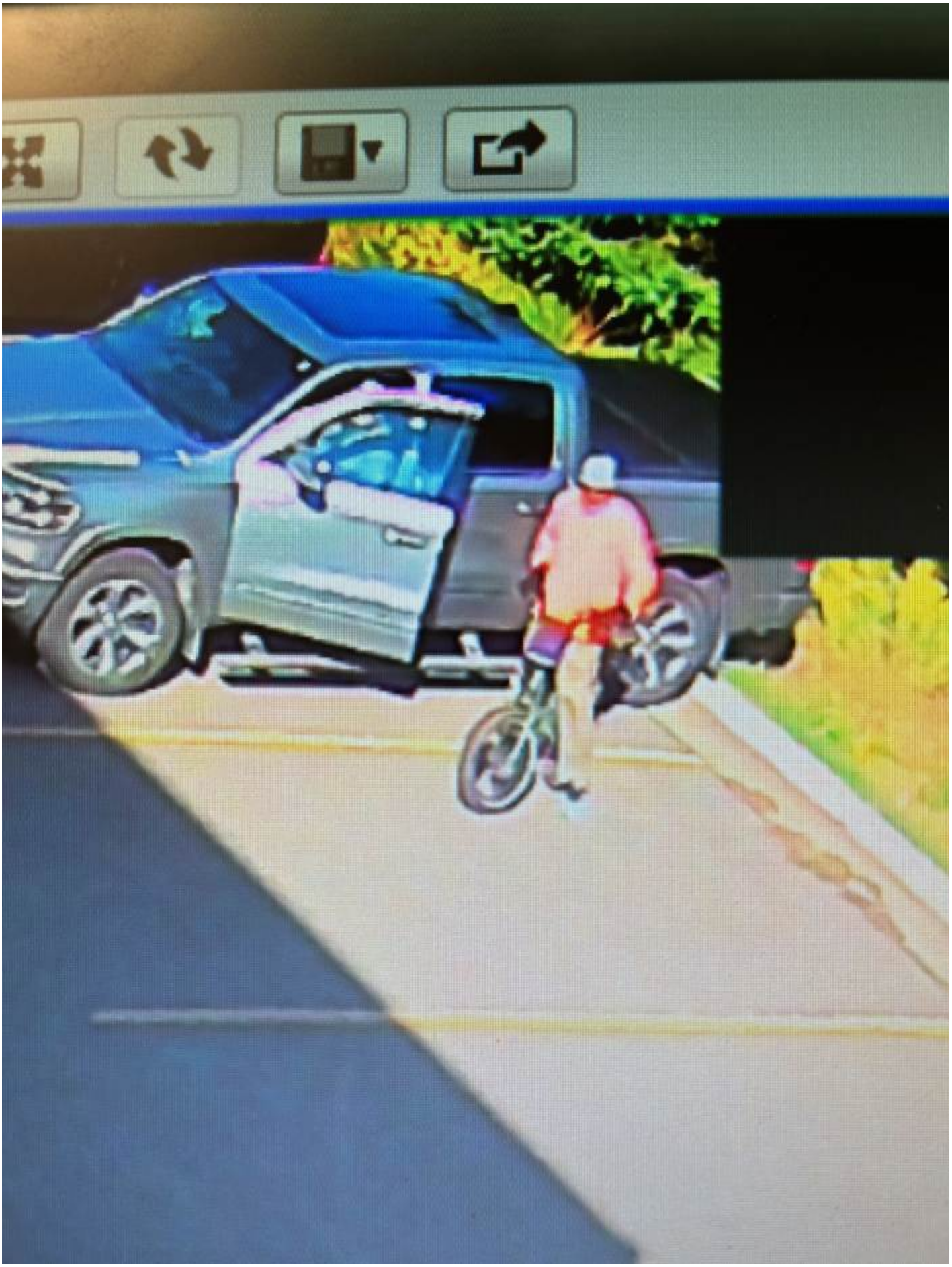
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Subject: RE: Inquiry into our facility

Well, that is not a user-friendly system.

Orange hoodie, sunglasses, grey or white beanie on a rented e-bike. From about 0954-0958, rides north over the ped bridge. Stops, likely to take a photo. Rides to the Kevin, asks questions for about 3 minutes pointing back to our sally port. Rides to middle of parking lot, stops someone who parked a car and is walking to his work, speaks to him. Then continues riding north on the ped walkway.





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I'll be there, thanks

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I'm in!

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Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 11:20 AM
To: Chris Dietrich
Cc: John Hassell
Subject: FW: Agenda
Attachments: SPEAR Agenda May 2025.docx

Chris,
In case you have any interest in attending, here is the agenda. We do not attend this anymore since we left the team. In this case it might be good for you to understand how these meetings go and what is discussed. You can choose not to attend this one, just wanted to make it avail. to you

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Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 11:01 AM
To: Chris Dietrich
Subject: FW: Agenda
Attachments: SPEAR Board Meeting agenda Sept 2025.docx; Request.pdf

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All,

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From: Ben Sollars <bsollars@9daco.org>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 9:00 AM
To: Michael Buglione; Kim Ferber; Brian Olson; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; Lou Vallario; Kirk Wilson; Joseph Deras; Stewart Curry; Mike Kite; Debra Funston; Sstewart@parachutecolorado.gov; Anthony Mazzola; Ed Thompson; Ti Hamblin (Thamblin@rangelyco.gov); Jared Rapp; matt.yamashita@state.co.us
Subject: FW: Law Enforcement Agency Survey link - for eDiscovery Taskforce
Attachments: SB 240 Final Act.pdf

Good morning –

The legislature passed SB240 (attached) which created an ediscovery task force in Colorado. The purpose of the task force is to study costs and management of electronic discovery in Colorado. As part of the work, the task force is required to obtain input from law enforcement agencies.

The Colorado District Attorneys Council (CDAC) has a seat on this committee, and they have asked us to direct the survey to each of our law enforcement agency partners.

We invite you to contribute directly to the survey or forward it to the person within your agency who would be the best source of information.

Thanks for your time and input on this.

-Ben

Ben Sollars
District Attorney

From: Tuan Nguyen <tuan@cdac.state.co.us>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:19 PM
To: aking@co.jefferson.co.us; Amy Padden (APadden@coda18.gov) <APadden@coda18.gov>; ahayden <ahayden@southeastcolorado.net>; Anna Cooling (anna.cooling@co7da.org) <anna.cooling@co7da.org>; akelly <akelly@da12.state.co.us>; Arnold Hanuman <Arnold@cdac.state.co.us>; Ben Sollars <bsollars@9daco.org>; BrentNelson@DA4Colorado.gov; Brian Mason (bmason@da17.state.co.us) <bmason@da17.state.co.us>; Dan Rubinstein (dan.rubinstein@mesacounty.us) <dan.rubinstein@mesacounty.us>; Darcy Kofol (dkofol@coda23.gov) <dkofol@coda23.gov>; Darryl.shockley@denverda.org; George Brauchler (gbrauchler@coda23.gov) <gbrauchler@coda23.gov>; Gordon McLaughlin (mclauggp@co.larimer.co.us) <mclauggp@co.larimer.co.us>; Heidi McCollum <hmccollum@da5.us>; Jason Bachlet (jbachlet@da16co.gov) <jbachlet@da16co.gov>; JDLindsey@da11thjd.org; jesch@southeastcolorado.net; Jennifer Rhoads (jrhoads@jeffco.us) <jrhoads@jeffco.us>; Jeremy Reed <jreed@co.montezuma.co.us>; Jeremy Savage <jeremy.savage@mesacounty.us>; Jess Redman (jredman@da17.state.co.us) <jredman@da17.state.co.us>; Jessica Waggoner (jessica.waggoner@co7da.org) <jessica.waggoner@co7da.org>; James Bullock <jbullock@da16co.gov>; Joe Hensley (jhensley@3rdjudicial.org) <jhensley@3rdjudicial.org>; Joe Kirwan (jkirwan@da5.us) <jkirwan@da5.us>; John Walsh (john.walsh@denverda.org) <john.walsh@denverda.org>; Justin Pierce (jpierce@co.montezuma.co.us) <jpierce@co.montezuma.co.us>; beauvais <beauvais@pueblocounty.us>; Ken Kupfner (kkupfner@bouldercounty.gov) <kkupfner@bouldercounty.gov>; Lara Mullin (lara.mullin@denverda.org) <lara.mullin@denverda.org>; Mac Dudley (mdudley@lpcgov.org) <mdudley@lpcgov.org>; mkarzen <mkarzen@14da.org>; Matt Maillaro (maillamj@co.larimer.co.us)

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Cc: Tom Raynes <Tom@cdac.state.co.us>; Arnold Hanuman <Arnold@cdac.state.co.us>; Carron Barrella <CBarrella@cdac.state.co.us>
Subject: Law Enforcement Agency Survey link - for eDiscovery Taskforce

This Message is from an External Sender

Hello everyone,
As mentioned in our board meeting today, we would greatly appreciate it if you can help send the survey link below to your local Law Enforcement Agencies.

Thank you
Tuan

Greetings:

On the behalf of the eDiscovery Task Force members and Vice-Chair James Karbach, I am requesting your help in better understanding processes and systems each of you utilize in regard to providing discovery in criminal cases. Pursuant to Senate Bill 240 (Attached), the eDiscovery Task Force is in the process of evaluating all aspects of the eDiscovery systems in Colorado with the goal of making recommendations to the General Assembly related to improving or re-envisioning the eDiscovery system on a statewide basis for all stakeholders and attempting to provide the potential costs of making those systems. In furtherance of those objectives, this survey is being sent on behalf of the Task Force to get a meaningful understating of how and through what types of contracts your agencies are meeting current discovery obligations. Please take 10-15 minutes to complete this survey as the information gathered will be critical to identifying the needs and costs related to current challenges and possible solutions.

Please use the link below to fill out the survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EAVs6mvOl0CMwEJWDl8bKej80RtGSHlliUrQznmIGLtUOEtSRlcySVNENkNDVEpSWjlaSjVMWjI1WC4u

Best
Tom Raynes
Exec Dir CDAC
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Ryan M. Muse

From: /O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=61F0D4A99FBE4629B90B7318A01AA974-JOSEPH DERA
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 10:01 AM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: MOU

As long as we have been doing this you would think nothing would be a surprise. These folks keep doing things and we can only shake our heads. I heard something happened with Gronbeck. The New Castle thing, whatever happened there is surprising since he was sworn in not long ago.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 1:44 PM
To: Lou Vallario - Sheriff; Deb Funston
Cc: Bill Kimminau
Subject: SPEAR grants

Hello to both of you,
I hope your summer is moving right along and you are enjoying the warm weather? I am writing with a bit of bad news. As we are no longer on the SPEAR team and Lt. Bill Kimminau is going to be transitioning into retirement we are going to pass the grant writing/funding and buy funds (fiduciary) responsibilities onto an agency who has an active member on the team.

Realistically I do not envision us being in a position to return to SPEAR for an extended period of time. I am sorry about this because the bulk of my career has been spent on a tactical/specialized enforcement team and I have the highest praise for that level of work. In many ways I have to wonder what I was thinking at the time to leave that in order to promote. I wanted to provide plenty of notice about this. If a new person wants to connect with Lt. Kimminau and learn the processes involved, please reach out.

I hope we are not damaging our relationship with you, but staffing and other demands for our resources require us to pivot in another direction.

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Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 1:15 PM
To: Lou Vallario - Sheriff; Deb Funston
Subject: SPEEAR Assignment

Good afternoon,
As you have likely heard, our assigned SPEAR TFO Cpl. Travis Still has tendered his resignation which will take effect in a few weeks. We are not in a position to backfill his position on the team for the foreseeable future. While we are close to being fully staffed, several of those positions are committed to academy recruits, laterals going to the Colorado skills program or in various stages of training. We are committed via contract for the leased vehicle Cpl. Still was assigned. That belongs to SPEAR per the HIDTA grant funding. We will arrange to have it stored or reassigned to the team.

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Request for Records

Please complete form with as much known information as possible. Incomplete information may be insufficient for a successful retrieval of the requested incident or case report.
Retrieval, redaction and research fees may apply and must be paid before requested report will be released.

Date of Request September 11, 2025 GCSO Report # _____ Date of Incident_____

Nature of Incident_____ Location of Incident_____

Person(s) named in Report_____ DOB(s)_____

Requestor's Name(Print) Claire Noone DOB 09/23/1988 Relationship_____

Phone 970-309-4886 Fax 970-945-5570 E-mail noonecm@gmail.com

Documents Requested See Attached Booking photo [ ] Booking Sheet [ ]

Type of Response Requested [X] E-mail [ ] Fax [ ] Pick-up [ ] Mail

24-72-305.5 Access to records – denial by custodian – use of records to obtain information for solicitation. (1), Records of official actions and criminal justice records and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and other information in such records shall not be used by any person for the purpose of soliciting business for pecuniary gain. The official custodian shall deny any person access to records of official actions and criminal justice records unless such person signs a statement which affirms that such records shall not be used for the direct solicitation of business for pecuniary gain.
(2)(II)(b)… By signing the statement, the person is affirming that the booking photograph will not be placed in a publication or posted to a web site that requires the payment of a fee or other exchange for pecuniary gain in order to remove or delete the booking photograph from the publication or web site.

24-72-309 Violation – penalty. Any person who willfully and knowingly violates the provisions of this part 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

By signing this form I affirm that I have read and will comply with the above referenced Colorado Revised Statutes. If requesting a booking photo, I affirm that I will not place the booking photo in any publication or on a website that requires a fee or other exchange for pecuniary gain in order to remove or delete the booking photo from such publication or website.

Requestor's Signature Claire Noone Date 9/11/2025

Internal Office Use Only

Denial of Inspection: ( ) Contrary to State Statute
( ) Contrary to Order
( ) Contrary to Public Interest
( ) _____
Request fulfilled ( )

Advised of report status: Date:_____ By: [ ] phone [ ] fax [ ] e-mail [ ] in person
[ ] voicemail

Released by: _____ Date:_____

Exhibit A:
DOCUMENTS REQUETED

I request for access to and copies of records related to the Garfield County Special Problem Enforcement and Response (SPEAR) Task Force, as referenced in the SPEAR Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated July 17, 2025.Specifically, I request the following records and documents, to the extent they exist and are not otherwise exempt from disclosure:

1. Policies and procedures for the SPEAR task force, and all member agencies that are required to comply with Colorado SB276, including instructions for handling requests for personal identifying information from federal authorities and access to non-public areas of their premises.
2. All records of arrests involving SPEAR from 2022 to present, all records of, detainers, and transfers of custody to ICE, ERO, or HSI from, including but not limited to arrest logs, detainer forms (I-247), release notifications, and any correspondence with federal immigration authorities.
3. All records, reports, meeting minutes, correspondence, assignment orders, or other documents reflecting or evidencing assistance provided by SPEAR and its participating member agencies] to federal agencies, including but not limited to the Drug Enforcement Administration and Homeland Security Investigations. This includes records of joint operations, requests for assistance, personnel assignments, and any reports or communications documenting such assistance.
4. All records of members of the taskforce, including the members of the Governing Board, the Chief Executive Officer, staff members, administrators, Board Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary, Financial Officer, Task Force Commander, Project Director and Prosecutor, Task Force Officers and analysts.
5. Policies and Procedures
    a. All current and prior versions of policies and procedures promulgated by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office and/or SPEAR governing the operation of the Task Force.
    b. Any documents reflecting compliance with U.S. Department of Justice Systems Operating Policies, 28 CFR Part 23.
6. Operational Guidelines Manual
    a. The current Operational Guidelines Manual and any prior versions
7. Intelligence System Documentation
    a. Copies of any intelligence files, bulletins, or related records maintained in accordance with the MOU and Colorado Record Retention Laws.
    b. Any policies or procedures regarding the dissemination of intelligence bulletins or information.
8. Intelligence System Software and Technology

    a. Records identifying the software, platforms, or databases used for the collection, storage, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence and information by the SPEAR Task Force.
    b. Contracts, purchase orders, or license agreements for any intelligence system software or related technology.
9. Data Storage and Management
    a. Policies, procedures, or manuals governing the storage, retention, and deletion of intelligence data, including compliance with Colorado Record Retention Laws and 28 CFR Part 23.
    b. Records describing the physical or cloud-based locations where intelligence data is stored.
    c. Any data security or access control policies applicable to the intelligence system.
10. Data Use and Sharing
    a. Policies or procedures regarding the use, sharing, or dissemination of intelligence data among participating agencies or with external entities, including federal agencies.
    b. Logs or records of data access, sharing, or dissemination events, if maintained.
11. Audits and Oversight
    a. Records of any audits, reviews, or assessments of the intelligence system, data storage, or data use practices.
    b. Reports or findings from any oversight body or internal review regarding the intelligence system.
12. Training and User Access
    a. Training materials or user manuals provided to Task Force personnel including those regarding the use of the intelligence system.
    b. Records identifying individuals or positions with authorized access to the intelligence system.
13. Meeting Records
    a. Minutes of all Governing Board meetings, including any written consents, voting records, or electronic voting documentation
14. Reports
    a. All statistical reports, arrest data, seizure data, and other reports, including those prepared for the Division of Criminal Justice or other oversight and funding entities, and those required by the MOU.
    b. Any standardized report formats approved by the Task Force Commander.
15. Personnel Records
    a. Resumes and application materials submitted for Task Force Officer selection, redacted as necessary to protect personal privacy.

    b. Disciplinary reports or written reports prepared by the Task Force Commander in connection with any suspension or removal proceedings.
16. Equipment and Property Records
    a. The current property inventory and any related records tracking equipment and property acquired for Task Force use.
17. Insurance Documentation
    a. Proof of general liability and police professional liability coverage maintained by each participating agency as required by the MOU.
18. Notices
    a. Copies of any written notices, including those issued pursuant to Section 10.6 of the MOU.
19. Modification and Execution Instruments
    a. Any written modifications or amendments to the MOU.
    b. Counterpart signature pages evidencing execution of the MOU by participating agencies.

NOTE: This bill has been prepared for the signatures of the appropriate legislative officers and the Governor. To determine whether the Governor has signed the bill or taken other action on it, please consult the legislative status sheet, the legislative history, or the Session Laws.



SENATE BILL 25-240

BY SENATOR(S) Bridges and Kirkmeyer, Amabile, Roberts, Weissman; also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Bird and Taggart, Sirota, Carter, Espenoza.

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY IN CRIMINAL CASES TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 16-18-106 as follows:

16-18-106. Electronic discovery in criminal cases task force - creation - purpose - membership - report - repeal. (1) THERE IS CREATED THE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY IN CRIMINAL CASES TASK FORCE, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "TASK FORCE".

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE IS TO STUDY THE COSTS AND MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY IN CRIMINAL CASES.

(3) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO DISTRICT

_____

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE;

(b) AN ATTORNEY EMPLOYED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, WHO IS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE AND IS APPOINTED BY THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER;

(c) AN ATTORNEY EMPLOYED BY, OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH, THE OFFICE OF ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL, APPOINTED BY THE OFFICE OF ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL;

(d) AN ATTORNEY WITHIN THE ANTITRUST UNIT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;

(e) ONE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYED BY THE COLORADO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL, AND ONE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL;

(f) AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, APPOINTED BY THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER;

(g) ONE EMPLOYEE OF A SHERIFF'S OFFICE WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY SHERIFFS OF COLORADO;

(h) AN EMPLOYEE OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY, APPOINTED BY THE COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF THE CHIEFS OF POLICE;

(i) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COLORADO STATE PATROL WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY, APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF OF THE COLORADO STATE PATROL; AND

(j) A COUNTY COMMISSIONER WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY COSTS AND LOCAL CONTRACTS RELATED TO ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY, APPOINTED BY COLORADO COUNTIES, INCORPORATED.

(4) (a) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE TASK FORCE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AND PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL OF THE APPOINTMENT.

(b) THE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE TASK FORCE SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE TASK FORCE.

(c) ANY VACANCY OCCURRING IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE MUST BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT.

(d) THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SERVE ON THE TASK FORCE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

(5) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

(a) HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, AT A TIME AND PLACE DETERMINED BY THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE;

(b) MEET AT LEAST ONCE EVERY MONTH OR MORE OFTEN AS DIRECTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE;

(c) COMMUNICATE WITH AND OBTAIN INPUT FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, PROSECUTORS, AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(d) CREATE SUBCOMMITTEES, AS NEEDED, TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE. THE SUBCOMMITTEES MAY CONSIST, IN PART, OF PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE AND WHO MAY VOTE ON ISSUES BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE BUT WHO ARE NOT ENTITLED TO A VOTE AT TASK FORCE MEETINGS.

(6) THE TASK FORCE SHALL EXAMINE AND GATHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

(a) THE CURRENT CONTRACTS IN PLACE BETWEEN A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE OFFICE

OF ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL, OR, IF AVAILABLE, PRIVATE CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AND A VENDOR FOR ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY SERVICES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING EACH CONTRACT:

(I) THE LENGTH AND EXPIRATION DATE OF THE CONTRACT;

(II) THE COST OF THE CONTRACT;

(III) THE TERMS, CONTRACTED SERVICES, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, AND ANY OTHER KEY COMPONENT OF THE CONTRACT; AND

(IV) THE EXPECTED FUTURE COSTS OF THE CONTRACT, IF KNOWN;

(b) THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF INFORMATION PLACED INTO ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY, INCLUDING:

(I) THE NUMBER, SIZE, AND TYPE OF FILES PLACED INTO THE STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY PORTAL THAT CAN BE FULLY DOWNLOADED, ACCESSED, OR UTILIZED THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY PORTAL;

(II) THE NUMBER, SIZE, AND TYPE OF FILES THAT REQUIRE PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE TO USE AN OUTSIDE VENDOR OR WEBSITE TO FULLY DOWNLOAD, ACCESS, OR UTILIZE THE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY DOCUMENTS; AND

(III) THE NUMBER, SIZE, AND TYPE OF FILES THAT ARE PLACED ON PHYSICAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVICES SUCH AS FLASH DRIVES, EXTERNAL HARD DRIVES, OR PHYSICAL COPIES IN ORDER FOR PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE TO ACCESS AND UTILIZE THE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY DOCUMENTS;

(c) THE EXTENT TO WHICH PROSECUTORS, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL ATTORNEYS, PRIVATE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, AND PRO SE DEFENDANTS HAVE EQUITABLE ACCESS AND THE ABILITY TO REVIEW AND UTILIZE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY DOCUMENTS COMPARED TO OTHER PROSECUTORS, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL ATTORNEYS, PRIVATE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, AND PRO SE DEFENDANTS, INCLUDING:

(I) THE TIME IT TAKES TO DOWNLOAD INFORMATION TO VIEW;

(II) THE ABILITY TO SEARCH DISCOVERY DOCUMENTS ELECTRONICALLY;

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(e) THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A SYSTEM THAT WOULD MAKE THE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY PROCESS MORE EFFICIENT AND EQUITABLE, AVOID OR MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR OUTSIDE VENDORS, AND BETTER CONTROL COSTS;

(f) THE POSSIBLE COORDINATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, PROSECUTING AGENCIES, THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE OFFICE OF ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL, AND PRIVATE DEFENSE ATTORNEY CONTRACTS TO MAKE THE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY PROCESS MORE EFFICIENT AND EQUITABLE, AVOID OR MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR OUTSIDE VENDORS, AND BETTER CONTROL COSTS;

(g) THE EXPECTED COSTS TO THE STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IF CHANGES ARE NOT MADE TO THE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY PROCESS OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS; AND

(h) RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LEGISLATION, THAT WOULD ASSIST IN:

(I) CONTROLLING THE COST OF ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY, INCLUDING WHAT CONTRACT OR STATUTORY CHANGES ARE NEEDED TO ALLOW FOR

COORDINATED CONTRACT NEGOTIATION AND PAYMENT TO VENDORS BY THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;

(II) ENSURING THE FLOW OF ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY FROM ONE ENTITY TO ANOTHER;

(III) WORK EFFICIENCY, INCLUDING SAVING TIME FOR EMPLOYEES WHO CREATE OR USE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY;

(IV) PROVIDING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO AND USE OF ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY WHILE PROTECTING THE WORK PRODUCT AND MENTAL PROCESSES OF PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE; AND

(V) CONSIDERING PROCEDURAL CHANGES TO EXISTING STATUTES; COLORADO RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE; OR PRACTICES RELATED TO THE DISCOVERY OBLIGATIONS OF PROSECUTION, DEFENSE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO IMPROVE DISCOVERY COMPLIANCE AND PROCESSES.

(7) (a) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICES, THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND THE OFFICE OF ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL SHALL SHARE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE TASK FORCE REGARDING CONTRACTS, VENDORS, THE ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY PROCESS, AND COSTS BUT SHALL NOT SHARE INFORMATION THAT WOULD VIOLATE STATE OR FEDERAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, OR RULES OR THAT WOULD VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF A PERSON INVOLVED IN A CRIMINAL CASE.

(b) THE ENTITIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL RESPOND TO REQUESTS FROM THE TASK FORCE FOR INFORMATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION IN GOOD FAITH AND PROVIDE INFORMATION WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.

(8) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2025, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE JOINT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE THAT, AT A MINIMUM, DESCRIBES THE FOLLOWING:

(a) THE WORK AND STUDY OF THE TASK FORCE;

(b) THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ISSUES AND TOPICS CONSIDERED BY THE TASK FORCE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(c) LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND EXPECTED RELATED COSTS BASED ON THE TASK FORCE'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

(9) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

James Rashad Coleman, Sr. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE	Julie McCluskie SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Esther van Mourik SECRETARY OF THE SENATE	Vanessa Reilly CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED_____
(Date and Time)

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Jared S. Polis
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

May 15th, 2025

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

$$$: Fed: $ SPEAR: $ State: $ Evidence: $

New Business:

We have taken down the wire, more will be covered in Case Update.

Jared has promoted to Corporal and will be heading back to the SO. Jared will have been with SPEAR/TRIDENT for 9 years with the majority being a DEA TFO. With that being said, Matt will be stepping up to the DEA TFO spot and Nate will be taking over Matt's evidence custodian role. Mulkey will slide over to the now open UC position leaving the open SO vacancy in the simi-marked role. This should make whoever fills that spot an easier transition.

We had a mobile shedder come by the office on the 8th. We were able to shred roughly 15-20 years of old TRIDENT cases, as well as some intel files that should have been also shredded a couple years back.

When would the SO like to look at returning the lease vehicles that were leased through Utah? Matt's is currently at 1 ½ yrs and Jared's is closer to 1 yr.

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

We have started our paperwork for the 2026 RMHIDTA budget. **UPDATE:** It looks like SPEAR will continue to receive RMHIDTA funding, we have been given the thumbs up for roughly $51,000 to help and cover costs. **UPDATE:** Still looking good for funding

TFO's Mulkey, Lara and Lagiglia have been assisting GCSO covering shifts on the weekends due to shift shortage. **UPDATE:** The troops are still doing this but it has slowed down some as new Deputies come on board.

Look into assistance with $ or staffing to help with running the TF **UPDATE:** Silt PD has been able to help, thank you again!

US Marshals deputization and where it's at, *it's moving forward slowly but surely*. **UPDATE:** Still moving slowly.

Connecteam website is still being worked on. As of 5-2-25, we have the subscription for the year paid. So now we just have to start learning it so we can push it out to the troops on the street.

Case updates:

TF-24-659 WIRE CASE (numerous other cases were pulled that are/will be rolled into this one)

Title: Seven Arrested as Part of a Drug Trafficking Organization

IMPORTANT: Please direct any media requests to the contact above. Do not contact the Garfield County Emergency Communications Center or Patrol staff for media requests.

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO. –

Sindy Vazquez Martinez and Osbaldo Ramirez-Andrade operated a Drug Trafficking Organization that distributed methamphetamine and additional illegal drugs from Frisco to Rifle, CO. They routinely used their residence in Glenwood Springs, located 185 yards from the front door of the Glenwood Springs Middle School and approximately 60 yards from school property, as a base to distribute illegal drugs.

SPEAR and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) have conducted a long-term investigation, since January of 2023, into the Drug Trafficking Organization operated by Martinez and Ramirez-Andrade.

Through diligent police work and coordinated efforts of local and federal enforcement agencies; on the evening and early morning hours of April 27 & April 28, 2025: SPEAR, DEA, HSI (Homeland Security Investigations) and the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, arrested three individuals on outstanding felony warrants for drug related charges.

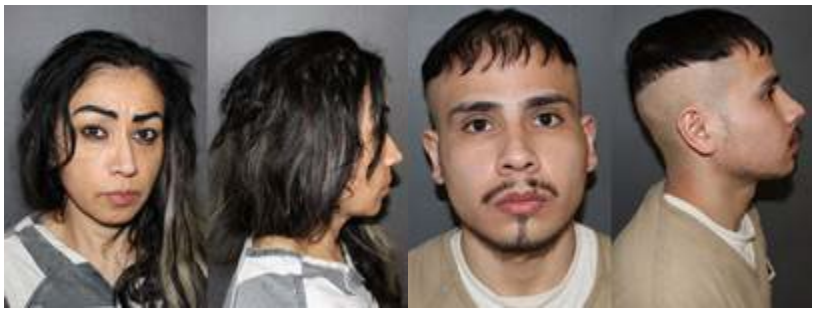
April 29, 2025, SPEAR arrested an additional individual for an outstanding felony warrant and on charges related to this investigation. That same day, SPEAR, DEA, HIS and ERO (Enforcement Removal Operations) conducted search warrants in Glenwood Springs and in Rifle related to this investigation.

This investigation has led to the seizure of the following illegal drugs:

- Approximately 4 pounds of Methamphetamine
- Approximately 3 ounces of Cocaine
- Approximately 9.5 pounds of Fentanyl Powder
- Approximately 220 Fentanyl Pills
- 1 Firearm

To date seven suspects have been arrested on charges tied to this long-term investigation:

1. Sindy Liliana Vazquez Martinez, DOB: 02/05/1981 (44 YO Female)
2. Osbaldo Ramirez Andrade, DOB: 04/13/2001 (24 YO Male)
3. Henry Trujillo Benites, DOB: 01/11/1983 (42 YO Male)
4. Julian Cruz Carrazco, DOB: 02/21/1997 (28 YO Male)
5. Jose Manuel Romo Gallegos, DOB: 05/02/1985 (39 YO Male)
6. Cordelia Suazo Reed, DOB: 06/18/1964 (60 YO Female)
7. Juan Alberto Guevara-Regalado, DOB: 09/04/1985 (39 YO Male)





Sindy Liliana Vazquez Martinez Osbaldo Ramirez Andrade Henry Trujillo Benites









Julian Cruz Carrazco Jose Manuel Romo Gallegos Cordelia Suazo Reed Juan Alberto Guevara-Regalado

The suspects have been charged with a number of criminal offenses including:

- Conspiracy to possess, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute controlled substances – more than 225 grams, Drug Felony 1
- Possession with intent to distribute more than 112 grams of methamphetamine – Drug Felony 1
- Unlawful distribution of more than 14 grams of methamphetamine – Drug Felony 2
- Unlawful distribution of more than 4 grams of Fentanyl – Drug Felony 2
- Unlawful possession of more than 4 grams of methamphetamine – Drug Felony 4
- Special Offender – Drug Felony 1
- Forgery – Felony 5
- Criminal possession of two or more blank financial transaction devices – Felony 5
- Criminal possession of a financial device, more than three & two different accounts – Felony 5

This continues to be an active and on-going investigation.

TF25-171
On March 12, 2025 TFO's responded to 138 N. 7th St. in the Town of New Castle for an active domestic. While in route, dispatch aired the suspect had fired multiple rounds at the victim and a neighbor from a long gun. Arriving on scene, neighbors took suspect to the ground where Silt PD, was able to apprehend him. TFO's cleared the residence and stayed and helped NCPD processing the scene.

TF25-200
On March 21, 2025 SPEAR TFOs conducted a traffic stop on a black GMC Yukon at the intersection of USHY 6 and County Rd 210 outside the City of Rifle. During he traffic stop a K9 free air sniff was conducted which led to probable cause search of the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle a plastic bag containing cocaine, and other drug distribution related paraphernalia were located. The driver, Rodrigo Serna Martinez (DOB: 07/03/1997), was arrested. During a search incident to arrest of Rodrigo's person, a second bag of cocaine was located in his boot. Rodrigo was transported to the Garfield County Jail.

TF25-249
On 4-16-25, SPEAR again assisted CSP with the on-going stolen vehicle case that ties to Utah. We conducted a high risk stop on 4 suspects as they arrived back into the Rifle area after they made another theft run the Utah. We assisted in recovering 2 stolen trucks, 2 stolen trailers and 3 side-by-sides.
The following four suspects were arrested and transported to the Garfield County Jail:

1. Luis Leiva Arizmendiz DOB 2/8/05 (20 YO Male)
2. Nerio Estrada Soto DOB 09/15/2005 (19 YO Male)
3. Roberto Soto Cruz DOB 12/3/1989 (35 YO Male)
4. Lorena Mendoza Soto DOB 8/22/1995 (29 YO Female)

In addition SPEAR continues to go after numerous arrest warrants and assist patrol on higher level calls.

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Round the Room:

Next Meeting: July 17th, 2025

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

September 18, 2025

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

$$$: Fed: $ SPEAR: $ State: $ Evidence: $

New Business:

Vinny had a little boy so he will be in and out for a bit.

The HAMC are planning a get together in Glenwood Sept 26th through the 28th.

Justin Raulerson was indicted by the DEA on all/some of his misbehaviors. With that being said, he was out on parole within a couple of days. On the 9th we contacted him with a knife on his waist and spoke to Megan his Fed parole officer, and we are waiting to see if she is going to do anything about it.

Chris (DHS) was granted 2 more years to run with us. Also DHS will be getting a new RAC Oct 22nd.

CORA Request

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

Just a reminder, we have used up the RMHIDTA OT for the year, the wire pretty much killed it off

Mulkey, Nate and I have been named in a civil lawsuit for an incident 1 year ago. Details can be discussed at the board meeting. **UPDATE:** Our attorneys have filed to dismiss, we haven't heard back as of yet……still waiting

Routte County SO is requesting assistance with a new Chapter of the Pagens OMG Aug 16th. One of the Deputies had reached out a couple weeks back looking for guidance on how they could prepare. **UPDATE:** A group of us did make it up to assist, the turnout from Pagen's MC was down as far as the numbers. We had a couple of arrests "warrants" but that's about it. They were all carrying some type of

weapon when contacted. A thing to note, Mongols MC have reopened their chapter in GJ, let's see how this plays out.

When would the SO like to look at returning the lease vehicles that were leased through Utah? Matt's is currently at 1 ½ yrs and Jared's is closer to 1 yr. **UPDATE**: Cathy and I have been in talks with Utah and Denver, and things are being slowly worked out.

US Marshals deputization and where it's at, *it's moving forward slowly but surely*. **UPDATE:** Still moving slowly. **UPDATE:** Looks like Mulkey and Lara will get theirs at least. **UPDATE:** They were finally sworn in.

Case updates:

TF25-445

July, 2025, SPEAR was in the area of the 110 WB on I-70. TFO's noticed a gray Subaru driving extremely erratic and almost caused numerous wrecks. When we were able to get the vehicle stopped, Braden Echelberger was eventually arrested for DUID. He had admitted to making and smoking Crack. We were able to locate a small amount of additional Crack Cocaine in his vehicle.

TF25-449

July, 2025 SPEAR assisted Silt PD with an assault case, stopping two vehicles in the Town of Silt. Fredy Herrera-Rodriguez, and Saul HERRERA URTUZUASTIGUE were taken into custody on outstanding warrants. A probable cause search of one of the vehicles, a Ford F150 and its driver resulted in the discovery of small amount of cocaine. Jose Orrente-Espino DOB 07/07/2000 was arrested for traffic violations and possession of a controlled substance.

TF25-453

We are currently working into Isaac Brehm. We have so far purchased approx. 57.16 grams TGW of Meth from him, this case is on-going.

TF25-463

End of July, TFO's conducted a traffic stop on Jacey Ward at Silt Island Park and located fentanyl (1.48 grams TGW approx. 15pills), methamphetamine (3.6 grams TGW), and cocaine (.56 grams TGW) during a probable cause search of the vehicle.

TF25-465

On July 31, 2025 SPEAR TFO's contacted and arrested Nicole Stapleton for multiple outstanding felony warrants at the Comfort Inn in Rifle.

TF25-469

August, 2025 SPEAR TFO's responded to a traffic stop, initiated by GCSO Deputies at I-70 exit 109. The driver of the vehicle had been identified as Isaac Brehm, who is known to SPEAR TFO's as an illegal drug distributor to customers within Garfield County.

A probable cause search pursuant to the motor vehicle exception for a search warrant of the vehicle, a Dodge Ram 1500 bearing plate CUH-J19. Two baggies of crystalline substance, suspected to be methamphetamine (36.81 grams TGW) were located and found inside the vehicle. Drug paraphernalia, a package of plastic baggies, and a digital scale were also located.

Isaac was taken into custody and housed at the Garfield County Jail.

TF25-477

August, 2025 SPEAR TFO's assisted DEA Special Agents with the apprehension of an individual later identified as Justin Raulerson, in connection with a federal warrant issued by the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. The charges included conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl.

SPEAR continues to go after numerous arrest warrants and assist patrol on higher level calls.

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Prosecution:

Next Meeting:

Garfield County Special Problem Enforcement and Response
SPEAR
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
July 17, 2025

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PREAMBLE

- In an effort to utilize pooled intelligence and information for the purpose of combating criminal activity and criminal enterprises whether active, proactive or anticipatory in nature, the Garfield County Special Problems Enforcement and Response Task Force ("SPEAR") is formed. Agencies participating in this project recognize that identifying criminal activity as well as individuals or groups responsible for said activity is of paramount importance to the communities and detentions facilities throughout every jurisdiction. Through united efforts, information and intelligence resources will be better utilized and investigative efforts will be more fruitful on behalf of the communities served by these agencies. The participating agencies are committed to cooperative efforts and information sharing through their participation with SPEAR. SPEAR will be used to help in the identification, investigation and prosecution of individuals and groups involved with criminal activity and criminal enterprises. The purpose of SPEAR is to unite participating agencies into a cohesive, coordinated effort to eradicate criminal activity through a multi-jurisdictional unit and information/intelligence network.

MISSION STATEMENT

- The mission of SPEAR is to eradicate major crimes within Garfield County, using a multi-jurisdictional approach to relentlessly pursue, arrest, and prosecute those responsible.

SECTION 1. TASK FORCE GOVERNING BOARD

1.1 GOVERNING BOARD: SPEAR will have a Governing Board consisting of the Chief Executive Officer of each participating agency, plus such other members approved by the Governing Board.

1.2 MEETINGS: The Governing Board shall meet monthly, or as determined necessary by the Board. The meetings shall be held at various places selected by the Board.

1.3 QUORUM: A majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Members of the Board may send a member of their staff to be present in lieu of the actual board member, and such alternate shall have full voting privileges.

1.4 VOTING: Action of the Board shall be by simple majority, and shall occur at a meeting, or through electronic voting. Presence at a meeting and participation as a part of a quorum is allowed through electronic or voice-conferencing. The Board may act without a meeting by unanimous written consent.

1.5 FOCUS OF THE BOARD: The Governing Board will generally focus in the following areas:

- The Governing Board will utilize pooled intelligence resources of all the participating entities to prioritize and to mutually decide upon priorities of the Task Force.
- The Governing Board will address any issues of mutual concern to the participants of the Task Force. This may include any major issues that will impact other members of the Task Force such as budget matters, matters of policy and procedure and other matters of mutual concern.
- Annually, the Governing Board will mutually agree upon project goals and objectives for the coming year.
- The Governing Board will resolve any interagency conflicts that may arise during the duration of this project.

SECTION 2. BOARD OFFICERS, PROJECT DIRECTOR, PROSECUTOR AND TASK FORCE OFFICERS

2.1 BOARD OFFICERS. The Board shall elect several Board Officers including: Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary, Financial Officer and Task Force Commander. Board Officers shall be elected annually at the January meeting.

2.1.1 CHAIRPERSON. The Chairperson of the Board shall call all Board meetings to order and shall be generally responsible for the conduct of Board meetings. The Chairperson may assume any other duties and powers approved by the Board.

2.1.2 CO-CHAIRPERSON. The Co-Chairperson shall assume the duties and authority of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

2.1.3 SECRETARY. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking and keeping Minutes of the Board. The Secretary shall also be responsible for keeping an original signed version of this Memorandum and may assume other duties approved by the Board.

2.1.4 FINANCIAL OFFICER. The Financial Officer shall track financial assets and accounts generated by operation of the Task Force.

2.1.5 TASK FORCE COMMANDER. The Task Force Commander will oversee and command the operation of the Task Force on a daily basis. The Task Force Commander may make operational and administrative decisions which are necessary for the routine operation of the Task Force. When it is impractical to consult the Governing Board, the Task Force Commander will make decisions of a larger scale needing immediate action. When such a situation arises, the Task Force Commander shall report those decisions to the Governing Board as soon as possible.

2.2 PROJECT DIRECTORS. The Governing Board shall appoint the Project Director, who shall be responsible for filing required reports required by funding entities and oversight agencies.

2.3 PROSECUTOR. The District Attorney for the Ninth Judicial District shall assign a Prosecutor for purposes of administering the prosecution of all SPEAR felony arrests and providing legal advice to the Task Force and Board. The Governing Board may appoint the SPEAR prosecutor as Project Director.

2.4 TASK FORCE OFFICERS. The officers assigned to the Task Force will be used primarily for Task Force investigations and other duties as assigned by their individual Department Chief Executive Officers and the Task Force Commander. The Task Force Officers will work out of the Task Force office or such other places approved by the Board.

SECTION 3. INVESTIGATOR INFORMATION SHARING MEETINGS

3.1 COORDINATION. The timely coordination and communication of investigative information is of paramount importance. Participating agencies agree to fully coordinate and communicate regarding any information received by their agency which might be

beneficial to Task Force investigations. To facilitate this communication, all members of the Task Force will meet weekly with the Task Force Commander at a date and time determined by the Task Force Commander.

SECTION 4. EVIDENCE

4.1 PROCEDURES. All evidence and property seized by Task Force Officers shall be identified, preserved, booked and stored in accordance with procedures approved by the Board. The Task Force Commander shall appoint a Task Force Officer or Task Force Analyst to serve as evidence custodian.

4.2 AUDIT. All evidence and property seized and stored by the Task Force shall be audited annually or as deemed necessary by the Board. Annual audits will be conducted in December and results reported to the Board in January. Persons responsible for conducting audits will be appointed by the Board.

SECTION 5. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES MANUAL

5.1 The Task Force will operate in accordance with the SPEAR Operational Guidelines Manual. The Manual will be written and kept updated by the Task Force Commander. The Board will approve the Manual and any additions, deletions or changes.

SECTION 6. INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM

6.1 OBLIGATIONS OF THE SPEAR TASK FORCE. SPEAR hereby agrees to:

- Establish and maintain a central computerized criminal intelligence information system for the sole purpose of assisting local, state, and federal law enforcement agency personnel in ongoing multijurisdictional investigations or prosecution activities relating to specific areas of criminal activity.
- Supply the prospective Participating Agencies with membership applications and policy information and, upon attainment of membership, procedural guidelines and necessary forms as adopted by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office.
- Establish criteria for: Information submission, information inquiry/access/dissemination, information retention/purging, security of information, audit trails and assigning of agency representatives.
- Identify and monitor suspected or validated individuals or groups that present a known or perceived threat to the community or entity.
- Update Participating Agencies on identified or suspected threats within their jurisdiction by utilizing information and intelligence bulletins pertinent to that jurisdiction.

- Comply with the U.S. Department of Justice Systems Operating Policies; 28 CFR Part 23 (Sept. 23, 1993), where applicable.

- Assure that the information and intelligence files are maintained in accordance with the applicable Colorado Record Retention Laws, and can only be held for a period of five (5) years. The five (5) year retention period begins from the last date of documented criminal activity or contact with an individual where the probable cause to believe criminal activity or association with criminal activity exists.

6.2 OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. Each Participating Agency hereby agrees to:

- Establish and Comply with the U.S. Department of Justice Systems Operating Policies; 28 CFR Part 23 (Sept. 23, 1993), where applicable, and with the policies and procedures promulgated by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office and SPEAR.

- Assume responsibility for ensuring that all data submitted for storage in the SPEAR files is connected to known or suspected criminal activity for the operation of the system, and insuring the accuracy of all information submitted for storage by each agency in the SPEAR files.

- Assume responsibility for, and assure that all information disseminated from, SPEAR files is kept in strict confidence and is not disseminated to other entities by the Participating Agency, and to guard against any use or misuse of said information other than for informational and intelligence purposes. Dissemination by the Participating Agency of intelligence bulletins and/or information presented by SPEAR shall be strictly prohibited unless prior approval by SPEAR is obtained. This decision will be reached on a case-by-case basis.

- Utilize pooled intelligence and information resources of all participating agencies for the purpose of identifying existing threats within the community and detentions facilities to combat criminal activity that exists or is deemed proactive or anticipatory in nature.

- Update SPEAR when an identified individual is contacted by your agency. Information and intelligence files on validated threats and individuals are maintained in accordance with applicable Colorado Record Retention Laws and can only be held for a period of five (5) years. The five (5) year retention period begins from the last date of documented criminal activity or contact with an individual where probable cause to believe criminal activity or association with criminal activity exists.

- SPEAR will notify each agency when a record has reached the end of its retention period. It is the responsibility of each participating agency to purge their copies of documents when notified by SPEAR that the retention period has ended.

SECTION 7. EQUIPMENT

7.1 GENERAL. Each Officer assigned to the Task Force shall be provided a portable radio, vehicle and usual personal equipment required for the execution of law enforcement duties by their respective agencies. The equipment provided to the Task Force Officers from the contributing agency shall remain property of the contributing agency. The contributing agency shall be solely responsible for the maintenance, repair and security of said equipment. If an agency needs to borrow equipment from another agency, appropriate arrangements should be made between the respective members of the Board.

7.2 TASK FORCE PROPERTY. Certain equipment will not be contributed by any agency and will be considered property of the Task Force. This equipment includes property acquired by means of asset forfeiture. Because the Task Force is not an incorporated entity capable of legally holding title to real or personal property, any such Task Force property will be the legal property of a member agency agreed upon by the Board, to be held in trust for the use of the Task Force. In the event of the disbanding of SPEAR, the Governing Board shall decide on the final disposition of the property and all other assets.

7.3 PROPERTY INVENTORY. Equipment and property acquired for use by the Task Force shall be tracked through ongoing inventory process by the Task Force Commander. Such inventory shall list the source of the equipment/property and the designated ownership of such equipment/property.

SECTION 8. PERSONNEL AND RELATED ISSUES

8.1 GENERAL. All personnel assigned to the Task Force will remain the responsibility of their parent agency. Supervisors for the parent agencies will be in charge of their individual subordinates, with Officers placed under the supervision of the Task Force Commander for all Task Force duties and operations. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Memorandum, Task Force Officers shall serve at the will of the Governing Board and can be removed from the Task Force by the Board at any time with or without good cause. Task Force Officers may refuse to obey any illegal or unduly dangerous order from any person.

8.2 SELECTION. All Officers assigned to the Task Force shall be selected pursuant to the procedure outlined in this section.

- The Board Member of a participating agency shall submit appropriate materials for candidate Officers to the Secretary for distribution to the Board. Appropriate materials for candidates shall include a resume', listing details of the candidate's education and training pertinent to law enforcement and non-law enforcement experience.

- The Board shall conduct an oral interview of a candidate within one month of receipt of the required materials. Such oral interview will be conducted with a

minimum of 5 Board Members present, with a minimum 75% approval required to appoint a Task Force position. The Board may also define and state a preference in candidates should a participating agency offer multiple candidates for one position.

- The Task Force Commander shall be selected through the same process as Task Force Officers.

8.3 DISCIPLINE. Should the need for any disciplinary action arise against any Task Force Officer, the disciplinary action imposed shall be the responsibility of the Officer's parent agency. The Task Force Commander may recommend to each Officer's parent agency that disciplinary process be considered or initiated. The Task Force Commander shall be empowered to provisionally suspend any Task Force Officer from the Task Force for incompetence, negligence, insubordination, criminal conduct, or other conduct unbecoming a Task Force Officer. The TFO's parent agency shall be notified of such action immediately. Such provisional suspension may be rescinded by the Task Force Commander or be brought to the Board for review at their next meeting. Any change of status of such suspension shall require a majority vote of the Governing Board. After review of all information the Board considers pertinent to the suspension, the Board may take the following actions:

- Rescind the suspension.

- Accept the suspension and initiate procedures for removal of the Task Force Officer.

- Remove the Task Force Officer with the consent of the parent agency, or through resignation of Task Force assignment by the Officer.

In the event the Governing Board accepts the suspension and initiates procedures for removal of the Task Force Officer, the procedures shall be as follows:

- The Task Force Commander shall be assigned to prepare a written report to the Governing Board which shall include, at a minimum; a summary of the reasons for the suspension, a statement of any facts that the Task Force Commander feels constitute grounds for removal from the Task Force, a summary of all available evidence both in favor and against the Task Force Officer, a written statement from the Task Force Commander detailing the reasons the Task Force Commander feels removal from the Task Force is warranted, and a written statement from the Task Force Officer in question should they wish to provide one.

- The report of the Task Force Commander shall be prepared within two days of the Board's decision to initiate removal procedures.

- The report from the Task Force Commander shall be provided to all Governing Board members and the Task Force Officer in question.

- The Board shall consider the issue of removal of the Task Force Officer at their next meeting.

- The Board will consider the report from the Task Force Commander.

- The Task Force Officer in question may address the Board if they desire.

- The Board will consider any other information it deems relevant.

- The Task Force Officer shall have no right to legal counsel at such meeting.

- The Board shall consider the matter in executive session. A decision to remove a Task Force Officer pursuant to this section shall be by a majority of the total Governing Board. Nothing in this section shall in any way affect a parent agency from voluntary removal of their Officer at anytime.

- During the above-process, a parent agency may re-assign their Officer to non-Task Force duties pending disposition.

8.3.1 MISCONDUCT OF THE TASK FORCE COMMANDER. Task Force Officers may report any misconduct or other inappropriate actions on the part of the Task Force Commander to the Chairperson or any Governing Board Member. The Chairperson may take any action that the Chairperson deems necessary to immediately address any such issue, including a temporary suspension of the Task Force Commander. In the event that the Chairperson suspends the Task Force Commander, the Chairperson shall call an immediate emergency meeting of the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall consider any issues raised by the Chairperson. Any decision to remove the Task Force Commander shall require a majority vote of the entire Governing Board, minus the Task Force Commander, who shall have no vote in such action.

8.3.2 STANDARDS. The process provided for in paragraphs 8.3 and 8.3.1 shall in no way be construed as requiring that good cause be found by the Governing Board as a precondition of taking any disciplinary action against a Task Force Officer or the Task Force Commander.

SECTION 9. REPORTS

9.1 REPORTS. Reports will be prepared utilizing a standard format approved by the Task Force Commander. The Board may require the use of such forms it deems appropriate. All Task Force agencies agree to provide appropriate statistical reports in a timely manner as required by Division of Criminal Justice grant reporting or other oversight

and funding entities. Any necessary arrest data, seizure data, and other information will be forwarded to the Project Director.

SECTION 10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY NOT WAIVED. None of the parties waive its rights under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act.

10.2 INSURANCE. Each Party shall maintain general liability and police professional liability coverage or its equivalent in an amount not less than the maximum amount that may be received under the provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act against a public entity or public employee. The policy shall insure against claims for bodily injury, death, property damage, or personal injury which may arise through the performance of the Task Force's duties. The policies should also provide coverage for the costs of defending any claims that may arise from the performance of the Task Force's duties.

10.3 SEVERANCE. Any term, clause, part or provision of this Memorandum held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of Colorado or the United States shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or provisions. The rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the memorandum did not contain the particular term, clause, part or provision held to be invalid.

10.4 GOVERNING LAW. In its entirety, the Memorandum is subject to and shall be construed in accordance with the provisions of Colorado law.

10.5 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. The Memorandum shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of each of the Parties. A Party may not assign any of its rights or obligations under the Memorandum without the prior written consent of all other members of the Governing Board.

10.6 NOTICE. Any notice required or permitted by this Memorandum shall be in writing and sent by certified mail or registered mail, postage and fees prepaid. The certified mail or registered mail shall be addressed to the Party to whom such notice is being given at the address set forth on the signature page below. Such notice shall be deemed to have been given when deposited in the United States mail.

10.7 SEPARATE ENTITIES. The Parties enter into this Memorandum as separate, independent governmental entities and shall maintain such status throughout.

10.8 NO PARTNERSHIP. Nothing in this Memorandum shall create a partnership or joint venture between the parties hereto.

10.9 COOPERATION, REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, AND EXTRATERRITORIALITY. Each participating agency understands that all Task Force Officers will operate throughout the entire area covered by the Task Force. By executing this agreement, each participating agency hereby consents and agrees to having all Task Force Officers operate in their territory with full power to conduct investigations, make arrests, and take such other actions as are necessary for Task Force operations. This agreement also constitutes a standing request for assistance on behalf of each participating agency to utilize Task Force Officers to enforce any violations of law arising out of any such investigation in the territory of each participating agency. Each participating agency acknowledges that any Task Force Officer operating in the particular agency's territory has full power to investigate such violations and make arrests as if such Task Force Officer were a sworn Officer of the particular agency. No agency relationship is created hereby, and each participating agency shall be fully liable for the actions of its Officers.

10.10 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. The participating agencies shall be all those that sign this agreement. The Governing Board, by majority vote, may admit new agencies into the Task Force, and such new agencies must sign this agreement.

10.11 CAPACITY OF BOARD MEMBERS, BOARD OFFICERS AND TASK FORCE OFFICERS. All Board Members, Board Officer and Task Force Officers shall remain fully the employees and agents of their respective governmental agency employers and shall not be considered an employee or agent of any other governmental agency. Each individual governmental agency shall remain fully responsible for all of the actions of its own employees or agents, and no party hereto shall incur any liability as a result of the actions of any employee or agent of another party hereto.

10.12 MODIFICATION. This Memorandum may only be modified in writing with the consent of all parties hereto.

10.13 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Memorandum shall be effective as of the date when all parties have signed this Memorandum.

10.14 SECTION HEADINGS. The various section headings contained in this Memorandum are for the sake of convenience only, and have no legal effect whatsoever.

10.15 AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE. The undersigned parties state that they represent and have the authority to execute this MOU on behalf of their respective agencies or departments and, in signing this MOU, concur with and support SPEAR as set forth in this MOU and for the period and purpose stated herein.

10.16 COUNTERPARTS. The parties may execute this MOU in two or more counterparts which shall, in the aggregate, be deemed an original but all of which, together, shall constitute one and the same instrument

Voting Members

Garfield County Sheriff's Office

BY: _____ Date: 07/17/2025
Lou Vallario
Sheriff

Rifle Police Department

BY: _____ Date: 07/17/2025
Debra Funston
Chief of Police

Silt Police Department

BY: _____ Date: _____
Mike Kite
Chief of Police

Ninth Judicial District Attorney's Office

BY: _____ Date: 7/17/25
Ben Sollars
District Attorney

Drug Enforcement Administration

BY: _____ Date: _____
Troy Eliason
Resident Agent in Charge

Homeland Security Investigations

BY: _____ Date: 07/17/2025
Jeremy Wilson Eric Schlffrick (Acting)
Resident Agent in Charge

Participating Members

Colorado State Patrol

BY:_____ Date:_____
Jared Rapp
Captain

Parachute Police Department
BY:_____ Date: 07-17-2025
Sam Stewart
Chief of Police

New Castle Police Department
BY:_____ Date:_____
Stu Curry
Chief of Police

Carbondale Police Department
BY: _____ Date: _____
Kirk Wilson
Chief of Police

Glenwood Springs Police Department

BY:_____ Date: 7.25.2025
Joseph Deras
Chief of Police

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:09 PM
To: Ali Richards; Ben Sollars; Colt Cornelius; damcwhirter@fbi.gov; David Robins; Debra Funston; Deric Gress; DJPorter@uspis.gov; Jared Rapp; Jeremy Wilson; John Hassell; Joseph Deras; Josh Craine; Kirk Wilson; Lou Vallario; Mike Tyler; Ryan Molinari; Sam Stewart; Stu Curry; Troy Eliason
Subject: Meeting Adjustments

All,

We will not be having our regularly scheduled meeting in November (11/20). Instead, we will meet on December 18th at the SPEAR Office at Noon and do our annual luncheon with the team as part of that meeting.

We will pick up the regular every-other month schedule beginning January 15, 2026.

Please let Mike or me know if you have any items for the agenda.

Thanks!

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Be safe and stay healthy!

Ryan M. Muse

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 1:01 PM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: SPEAR

Happy Friday!

Just an fyi, I have every local agency's signature on the MOU. Even Carbondale!! CSP refused to sign and I'm waiting on DEA and their legal counsel.

Let me know what your status is. I can keep it on there if it's still under discussion, or I can remove it.

Thanks!

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 2:57 PM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: ICE Position Paper
Attachments: GCSO Position on ICE.pdf

FYI, I wrote this in February, but everything is the same.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 4:41 PM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] MOU

That's the latest version.

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On Oct 15, 2025, at 4:31 PM, Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us> wrote:

Yes – I think so. See attached. This has some but not all signatures. The reason for this is there is some conversation (rumor?) that not all agencies will sign it because of some federal partners involvement. That info has reached our legal team and bosses. My bosses are asking questions. I told them I was unaware of that being an issue, rather you were having difficulty tracking everyone down.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 2:56 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] MOU

Let me back up….did I send you one with the current signatures that we have so far???
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On Oct 15, 2025, at 2:51 PM, Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us> wrote:

Sheriff,
Did the other cities/Chiefs sign the SPEAR MOU? If so can you send a copy, please?

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 2:55 PM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] MOU

You have the most current. CSP declined and I'm still trying to figure out who is in charge at Silt and NC. I also need to track down Kirk at CPD.

The Feds will sign it after they jump thru their legal hoops.

I'll get moving on that.....

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 10:05 AM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: RE: MOU
Attachments: SPEAR MOU.pdf

Here ya go. Still chasing a few agencies or waiting to see who's in charge this week!!!

Lou Vallario
Garfield County Sheriff

From: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 4:23 PM
To: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MOU

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 4:25 PM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] MOU

Yep! Tomorrow???

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 3:32 PM
To: Lou Vallario
Cc: Ali Richards; Ben Sollars; Colt Cornelius; damcwhirter@fbi.gov; Debra Funston; DJPorter@uspis.gov; Jared Rapp; Jeremy Wilson; John Hassell; Joseph Deras; Josh Craine; Kirk Wilson; Mike Tyler; Ryan Molinari; Sam Stewart; Stu Curry; Troy Eliason
Subject: Re: Agenda

All,

I may have confused you with the records request. It was intended to be a discussion item and not a production request.

We (Garfield County) received this ridiculous request and we are responding regarding an estimate of the cost associated with Research and Redaction with respect to the records GCSO can provide. We cannot provide any records pertaining to your agencies so she will have to request those via state or federal records request procedure.

Basically, SPEAR is not a division of the GCSO. We are one member of a multi jurisdictional task force.

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From: Ben Sollars <bsollars@9daco.org>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 9:00 AM
To: Michael Buglione; Kim Ferber; Brian Olson; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; Lou Vallario; Kirk Wilson; Joseph Deras; Stewart Curry; Mike Kite; Debra Funston; Sstewart@parachutecolorado.gov; Anthony Mazzola; Ed Thompson; Ti Hamblin (Thamblin@rangelyco.gov); Jared Rapp; matt.yamashita@state.co.us
Subject: FW: Law Enforcement Agency Survey link - for eDiscovery Taskforce
Attachments: SB 240 Final Act.pdf

Good morning –

The legislature passed SB240 (attached) which created an ediscovery task force in Colorado. The purpose of the task force is to study costs and management of electronic discovery in Colorado. As part of the work, the task force is required to obtain input from law enforcement agencies.

The Colorado District Attorneys Council (CDAC) has a seat on this committee, and they have asked us to direct the survey to each of our law enforcement agency partners.

We invite you to contribute directly to the survey or forward it to the person within your agency who would be the best source of information.

Thanks for your time and input on this.

-Ben

Ben Sollars
District Attorney

From: Tuan Nguyen <tuan@cdac.state.co.us>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:19 PM
To: aking@co.jefferson.co.us; Amy Padden (APadden@coda18.gov) <APadden@coda18.gov>; ahayden <ahayden@southeastcolorado.net>; Anna Cooling (anna.cooling@co7da.org) <anna.cooling@co7da.org>; akelly <akelly@da12.state.co.us>; Arnold Hanuman <Arnold@cdac.state.co.us>; Ben Sollars <bsollars@9daco.org>; BrentNelson@DA4Colorado.gov; Brian Mason (bmason@da17.state.co.us) <bmason@da17.state.co.us>; Dan Rubinstein (dan.rubinstein@mesacounty.us) <dan.rubinstein@mesacounty.us>; Darcy Kofol (dkofol@coda23.gov) <dkofol@coda23.gov>; Darryl.shockley@denverda.org; George Brauchler (gbrauchler@coda23.gov) <gbrauchler@coda23.gov>; Gordon McLaughlin (mclauggp@co.larimer.co.us) <mclauggp@co.larimer.co.us>; Heidi McCollum <hmccollum@da5.us>; Jason Bachlet (jbachlet@da16co.gov) <jbachlet@da16co.gov>; JDLindsey@da11thjd.org; jesch@southeastcolorado.net; Jennifer Rhoads (jrhoads@jeffco.us) <jrhoads@jeffco.us>; Jeremy Reed <jreed@co.montezuma.co.us>; Jeremy Savage <jeremy.savage@mesacounty.us>; Jess Redman (jredman@da17.state.co.us) <jredman@da17.state.co.us>; Jessica Waggoner (jessica.waggoner@co7da.org) <jessica.waggoner@co7da.org>; James Bullock <jbullock@da16co.gov>; Joe Hensley (jhensley@3rdjudicial.org) <jhensley@3rdjudicial.org>; Joe Kirwan (jkirwan@da5.us) <jkirwan@da5.us>; John Walsh (john.walsh@denverda.org) <john.walsh@denverda.org>; Justin Pierce (jpierce@co.montezuma.co.us) <jpierce@co.montezuma.co.us>; beauvais <beauvais@pueblocounty.us>; Ken Kupfner (kkupfner@bouldercounty.gov) <kkupfner@bouldercounty.gov>; Lara Mullin (lara.mullin@denverda.org) <lara.mullin@denverda.org>; Mac Dudley (mdudley@lpcgov.org) <mdudley@lpcgov.org>; mkarzen <mkarzen@14da.org>; Matt Maillaro (maillamj@co.larimer.co.us)

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Cc: Tom Raynes <Tom@cdac.state.co.us>; Arnold Hanuman <Arnold@cdac.state.co.us>; Carron Barrella <CBarrella@cdac.state.co.us>
Subject: Law Enforcement Agency Survey link - for eDiscovery Taskforce

This Message is from an External Sender

Hello everyone,
As mentioned in our board meeting today, we would greatly appreciate it if you can help send the survey link below to your local Law Enforcement Agencies.

Thank you
Tuan

Greetings:

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Please use the link below to fill out the survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EAVs6mvOl0CMwEJWDl8bKej80RtGSHlliUrQznmIGLtUOEtSRlcySVNENkNDVEpSWjlaSjVMWjI1WC4u

Best
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Right?!?!

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Attachments: SPEAR Board Meeting agenda July 2025.docx

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To: Chris Dietrich
Cc: John Hassell
Subject: FW: Agenda
Attachments: SPEAR Agenda May 2025.docx

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In case you have any interest in attending, here is the agenda. We do not attend this anymore since we left the team. In this case it might be good for you to understand how these meetings go and what is discussed. You can choose not to attend this one, just wanted to make it avail. to you

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Notwithstanding the ridiculous ideology of harboring criminals, this creates a serious public safety issue. We should always participate (or at least have knowledge of) any outside LE operation so that our communities know it's a legit operation by way of our marked units, uniforms, etc. Also, if a criminal were to flee, we know the community and neighborhoods better than another agency. Finally, without participation, we could have deconfliction and blue on blue incidents.

Regarding the task force requirements to report EVERY operation in an annual report, that's just stupid, time consuming and is solely for the purpose of them combing thru reports and finding any op that assisted ICE.

Finally, by not allowing ICE in the jail and transferring a detainee in public is dangerous. Should this occur in the lobby of the SO where people are waiting with their children to obtain a report or have their fingerprints taken?..... Or, should we push them out the back door into the parking lot and wait for the chase???

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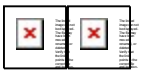
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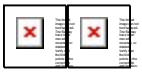
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Alex is running scared!

I'm not aware of the incident and I don't know about you, but I don't think I have the authority to prevent a federal law enforcement agency from doing their job.

You may have heard another rumor about a guy SPEAR chased down on a traffic stop in West Glenwood. We had a Mexican Restaurant owner call and ask if ICE was tracking down people.

I have a great idea: I'm going to put up a sign at the SO entrance that says, "Warning ICE" and see how many people look down and how many look over their shoulder!

Lou Vallario

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Be safe and stay healthy!

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Sanctuary Policies and the Sheriff of Garfield County

Because of the change in the White House, immigration concerns have come to the forefront in our country. While there will continue be a lot of movement and changes, I want to clarify my role in immigration matters as the Garfield County Sheriff.

In March of 2024, the Garfield County BOCC addressed sanctuary policies by declaring that Garfield County is not a sanctuary county. This was partially intended to address a national organization that wrongfully lists on their website Garfield County, and specifically the Sheriff's Office, as sanctuary organizations. Their concern with me as the Sheriff was that because we do not (cannot) hold illegal migrants for ICE, we are therefore a sanctuary organization. Cooperation with ICE is the catalyst for this and I want to make it clear that I work with ALL law enforcement agencies, from local to international, to the degree I legally can.

I say "legally" because the Colorado Legislature has enacted several laws limiting my ability to work with ICE. Further, several federal lawsuits across the country have decided that with no 'criminal' charges (ICE holds are almost always 'administrative/civil' matters), people cannot be held in jail against their will. There is clearly an argument to be made that crossing our borders illegally is a crime, but it is a federal crime and the Department of Homeland Security is the agency to manage that.

So, what authority do I have as a Sheriff to enforce federal laws? None. I do not, nor do any Colorado state and local law enforcement officers have federal immigration authority. We are limited to enforcing state and local crimes. My authority as a Law Enforcement Officer comes from the State of Colorado, not the federal government.

Colorado law requires that when an inmate is no longer being held on criminal charges by completing their sentence, bonding out, or being released by the courts on a Personal Recognizance Bond, I must release them within six hours. Their administrative status under federal law is not a consideration. However, local ICE agents review our public jail website that shows the status of everyone in jail. If ICE has an interest in detaining one, or more of them because of the seriousness of their crimes, they notify the jail and ask that we let them know when that person of interest is going to be released, and we do. It is up to ICE to provide the resources to pick them up after they are released. Regardless, I cannot unnecessarily delay anyone's release and must comply with the six hour rule. On the other hand, if their status is criminal and is accompanied with a warrant signed by a federal Magistrate or Judge, they can be detained. This applies to all of the three letter federal agencies.

The other concern that is being questioned is the law that prohibits a CIVIL arrest in the area of a Courthouse. It can be found in the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) under 13-1-403/404. It is a generic application to all Law Enforcement agencies, although it is clearly directed towards ICE.

Basically, it prohibits a civil arrest (administrative or civil infraction) from being enforced while the subject is in, or around a courthouse for a court proceeding. This is incredibly confusing because I have no idea how to arrest someone for a civil violation! The example might be where you are charged with a traffic "infraction". That violation is NOT a criminal violation, but a civil matter. You cannot be thrown in jail for an infraction. The remedies are managed in other ways such as license suspension, etc.

In the case of this specific Courthouse law, since it is not a criminal offense, Law Enforcement has no authority to take any action. If an Officer or Agent does violate this, they can be sued, the courts can order a Contempt violation, etc, but they cannot be charged with a criminal offense. Ironically, if an Agent were to violate this statute and I arrested them "civilly", I would also be violating the statute by civilly arresting someone in the Courthouse!

Finally, and let me be clear, I will support ANY other law enforcement agency when requested, as an 'agency assist' for the best interest of public safety. There are no laws preventing me from supporting another law enforcement agency and I will always do so when asked.

The concerns of illegal immigration and sanctuary practices are not going away. However, I wanted to make it clear what my role as the Garfield County Sheriff is in this complex issue.

Lou Vallario
Garfield County Sheriff

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13-1-403. Prohibition of civil arrest - writ of protection - procedure.

(1) A person shall not be subject to civil arrest while the person is present at a courthouse or on its environs, or while going to, attending, or coming from a court proceeding.

(2)

(a) A judge or magistrate may issue a writ of protection to prohibit a civil arrest pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. A judge or magistrate may incorporate the writ of protection in other regularly issued documents.

(b) The protection described in subsection (1) of this section applies regardless of whether a writ of protection has been issued.

(3) Nothing in this section precludes a criminal arrest or execution of a criminal arrest warrant issued by a judge or magistrate based on probable cause of a violation of criminal law.

(4) An on-duty law enforcement officer who is not employed by or contracted with courthouse security, or participating in a court proceeding, shall present credentials and state the purpose of the officer's presence to any existing courthouse security, who shall maintain a record of the information.

(5) The chief judge of any court may enter an order to ensure that arrests made while persons are present at a courthouse or on its environs, or while going to, attending, or coming from a court proceeding, comply with this section.

History

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13-1-404. Remedies.

(1) A person who knowingly violates section **13-1-403** (1) or a writ of protection issued pursuant to section **13-1-403** (2) is liable for damages in a civil action for false imprisonment.

(2) A person who knowingly violates section **13-1-403** (1) or a writ of protection issued pursuant to section **13-1-403** (2) is subject to contempt of court.

(3) The attorney general may bring a civil action on behalf of the people of the state for a violation of section **13-1-403** to obtain appropriate equitable or declaratory relief.

(4) A person arrested or detained in violation of section **13-1-403** may seek a writ of habeas corpus.

History

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Annotations

Research References & Practice Aids

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BILL TOPIC: Proper Governmental Conduct to Protect Residents
DEADLINES: File by: 2/21/2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING MEASURES TO ENSURE PROPER GOVERNMENTAL CONDUCT TO PROTECT COLORADO RESIDENTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROHIBITING A COURT OFFICIAL FROM DISCLOSING OR THREATENING TO DISCLOSE A PERSON'S INFORMATION TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS; REPEALING AFFIDAVIT REQUIREMENTS REGARDING A PERSON'S LAWFUL PRESENCE; REQUIRING A JAIL CUSTODIAN TO RELEASE A DEFENDANT SOONER IF BOND CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED; EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR A REMEDY FOR AN IMPROPERLY ENTERED GUILTY PLEA; REQUIRING A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT PARTICIPATES IN A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE TO REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE;

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EXPANDING MEASURES TO PROTECT PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION KEPT BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; PROTECTING FACILITIES OR PROPERTY OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, AND HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES; EXPANDING MEASURES THAT LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICIALS WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT; AND RESTRICTING GOVERNMENTAL IMMIGRATION DETENTION AGREEMENTS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill prohibits a court, an attorney, an eligible law student intern, or a licensed legal professional from notifying or threatening to notify federal immigration authorities about a person or providing or threatening to provide to federal immigration authorities personal identifying information about a person. A violation of the prohibition is grounds for a report to the respective regulatory authority.

Under current law, a person who does not have lawful immigration status must submit an affidavit stating that they have either applied for lawful presence or will apply for lawful presence as soon as they are eligible when the person is applying for:

- In-state student tuition classification; or
- An identification document pursuant to the "Colorado Road and Community Safety Act".

The bill repeals these affidavit requirements.

Under current law, a jail custodian is generally required to release a defendant within 6 hours after the defendant has been granted a personal recognizance bond or is prepared to post bond. The bill prohibits the jail custodian from delaying a defendant's release for the purpose of an immigration enforcement operation.

Under current law, a criminal defendant may petition a court to vacate a guilty plea to a class 1 or class 2 misdemeanor or a municipal offense if the criminal defendant alleges that:

- They were not adequately advised by defense counsel of adverse immigration consequences of a guilty plea;

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- They did not knowingly, intelligently, or voluntarily waive the right to counsel when the criminal defendant was not advised that the right to counsel includes the right to be advised regarding immigration consequences of a guilty plea; or
- The guilty plea was constitutionally infirm.

The bill extends the ability to petition a court to vacate a guilty plea to class 3 misdemeanors, traffic misdemeanors, and petty offenses.

The bill requires a law enforcement agency that participates in a multijurisdictional or coordinated investigation or task force to submit an annual report to the division of criminal justice in the department of public safety (division) concerning the investigation or task force. The division is required to submit an annual report to the judiciary committees of the house of representatives and the senate concerning this information.

Under current law, state agencies and state agencies' employees are:

- Required to comply with provisions that limit the disclosure, collection, and access to a person's personal identifying information;
- Required to annually report certain information concerning requests made for a person's personal identifying information; and
- Subject to a civil penalty for an intentional violation of the requirements.

The bill:

- Extends these requirements concerning a person's personal identifying information to political subdivisions and their employees;
- States that if any federal law, including the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974", commonly known as "FERPA", is repealed or amended to require the disclosure of education records or any personal identifying information about a student or their relative, then public schools and public institutions of higher education are required to comply with certain requirements concerning a person's personal identifying information; and
- Creates a civil action that makes a political subdivision employee who intentionally violates a requirement concerning a person's personal identifying information liable to the injured party and exempts the civil action from statutory or qualified immunity.

The bill creates minimum requirements for child care centers, public schools, local education providers, public institutions of higher education, or health-care facilities concerning access to their facilities or

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property and creates a civil penalty for an intentional violation of the requirements. An employee who intentionally violates a requirement is subject to a civil action, and the civil action is exempt from statutory or qualified immunity.

Under current law, a peace officer who is employed by the Colorado state patrol, a municipal police department, a town marshal's office, or a county sheriff's office is prohibited from arresting or detaining an individual on the basis of a civil immigration detainer request. The bill:

- Extends the prohibition to a peace officer designated by the state as a peace officer; and
- Applies the prohibition to a civil immigration detainer rather than a civil immigration detainer request.

Under current law, a probation officer or probation department employee is prohibited from providing personal information about an individual to federal immigration authorities. The bill extends this prohibition to a pretrial officer or pretrial services office employee.

The bill prohibits a peace officer from participating in, cooperating with, assisting in, or facilitating a federal, multijurisdictional, or coordinated immigration enforcement operation unless required by a federal order.

The bill prohibits a peace officer or employee or agent of a detention facility from allowing federal immigration authorities access to a part of the detention facility that is not accessible to the public, unless required by a federal warrant or writ to transfer an inmate to or from federal custody.

Under current law, certain governmental entities are limited in contracting concerning immigration detention agreements, which are contracts for payment to a governmental entity to detain an individual for federal civil immigration purposes. The bill removes the condition that the contract is for payment.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. The general assembly finds and declares that:

(1) The fourth amendment of the United States constitution guarantees individuals the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures, and requires that any warrant must be supported by probable cause. Additionally, section 7 or article II of the Colorado constitution

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addresses the security of persons and their property.

(2) The fifth amendment of the United States constitution guarantees due process of law, ensuring that individuals must not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without fair and proper legal proceedings. Additionally, section 25 of article II of the Colorado constitution also guarantees the right to due process.

(3) The tenth amendment of the United States constitution affirms the principle of federalism, which reserves for the states or the people the powers that are not delegated to the federal government by the United States constitution.

(4) Federal immigration enforcement must respect the constitutional rights of all individuals within the United States, regardless of their immigration status, as established through constitutional principles and case law.

(5) Cooperative arrangements between federal immigration agencies and state and local governments must not infringe upon the constitutional rights of individuals or utilize state and local resources for federal immigration enforcement.

(6) Therefore, the intent of this legislation is to ensure that federal immigration enforcement activities are conducted in full compliance with the fourth, fifth, sixth, and fourteenth amendments of the United States constitution and sections 6, 7, and 25 of article II of the Colorado constitution, to ensure the autonomy of Colorado and its local governments in accordance with the tenth amendment of the United States constitution, for the purpose of determining the extent of our participation in federal immigration enforcement.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-1-114, **add** (1.5)

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as follows:

13-1-114. Powers of court. (1.5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION OR ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A COURT SHALL NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, NOTIFY OR THREATEN TO NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT A PERSON OR PROVIDE OR THREATEN TO PROVIDE TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-102, ABOUT A PERSON.

(b) A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION IS GROUNDS FOR A REQUEST FOR EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5.3 OF THIS TITLE 13.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-93-116 as follows:

13-93-116. Notification or threatening notification of federal enforcement officials prohibited. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, AN ATTORNEY SHALL NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, NOTIFY OR THREATEN TO NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT A PERSON OR PROVIDE OR THREATEN TO PROVIDE TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-102, ABOUT A PERSON.

(2) A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS GROUNDS FOR FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY REGULATION COUNSEL.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-93-207 as follows:

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13-93-207. Notification or threatening notification of federal enforcement officials prohibited. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, AN ELIGIBLE LAW STUDENT INTERN SHALL NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, NOTIFY OR THREATEN TO NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT A PERSON OR PROVIDE OR THREATEN TO PROVIDE TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-102, ABOUT A PERSON.

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SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-93-315 as follows:

13-93-315. Notification or threatening notification of federal enforcement officials prohibited. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A LICENSED LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SHALL NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, NOTIFY OR THREATEN TO NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT A PERSON OR PROVIDE OR THREATEN TO PROVIDE TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-102, ABOUT A PERSON.

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SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-7-110, **amend** (2) and (4) as follows:

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23-7-110. Tuition classification of students who successfully complete high school or a high school equivalency examination in Colorado. (2) ~~(a) In addition to satisfying the requirements set forth in subsection (1) of this section, a student seeking tuition classification as an in-state student pursuant to this section who does not have lawful immigration status must submit an affidavit to the institution to which the student is admitted, stating that the student has applied for lawful presence or will apply as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.~~

~~(b) The institution shall not count a student described in subsection (2)(a) of this section as a resident for any purpose other than tuition classification and the purpose described in subsection (2.5) of this section; except that the student~~ A STUDENT SEEKING TUITION CLASSIFICATION AS AN IN-STATE STUDENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION WHO DOES NOT HAVE LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS is eligible for the college opportunity fund program pursuant to the provisions of part 2 of article 18 of this title 23 and state student financial assistance pursuant to article 3.3 of this title 23, upon confirmation of the student's uniquely identifying student number provided by the local education provider where the student graduated from high school or successfully completed a high school equivalency examination, as defined in section 22-33-102 (8.5), and may be eligible for institutional or other private financial aid programs.

(4) Any information provided to satisfy the criteria specified in this section ~~shall be~~ IS confidential unless disclosure is explicitly required by law. ~~An institution that receives an affidavit described in subsection (2) of this section shall treat the affidavit as an education record of the student under the provisions of the federal "Family Educational Rights~~

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~~and Privacy Act of 1974", 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g.~~

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-505, **repeal** (1)(d) as follows:

42-2-505. Identification documents - individuals not lawfully present - rules. (1) **Documents issued.** An individual who is not lawfully present in the United States may apply for an identification document in accordance with this part 5. The department shall issue an identification document to an applicant who:

(d) ~~Affirms in an affidavit signed by the applicant that the applicant has applied to be lawfully present within the United States or will apply to be lawfully present as soon as the applicant is eligible; and~~

SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-4-102, **add** (2)(e.5) as follows:

16-4-102. Right to bail - before conviction - definition. (2) __ (e.5) (I) THE CUSTODIAN OF A JAIL SHALL NOT DELAY A DEFENDANT'S RELEASE FROM CUSTODY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION.

(II) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e.5), "IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-76.6-101.

SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1-410.6, **amend** (2), (3)(a)(I), (3)(a)(II), and (4) introductory portion; and **add** (3)(a)(III) as follows:

18-1-410.6. Relief from improperly entered guilty pleas for certain misdemeanor and municipal offenses - legislative declaration. (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that noncitizen defendants must have the opportunity to meaningfully challenge an

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unconstitutionally entered guilty plea for certain class 1 misdemeanors, class 2 misdemeanors, CLASS 3 MISDEMEANORS, TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS, PETTY OFFENSES, and municipal offenses.

(3) (a) Notwithstanding a limitation contained in section 16-5-402, a municipal ordinance, or a municipal court rule of procedure, at any time following the entry of a guilty plea, a criminal defendant may challenge the guilty plea on the grounds set forth in subsection (4) of this section to a:

(I) Class 1, ~~or~~ class 2, OR CLASS 3 misdemeanor that is not defined in section 24-4.1-302 (1); ~~or title 42 and committed before March 1, 2022; or~~

(II) Municipal offense that is not substantially similar to an offense defined in section 24-4.1-302 (1); ~~or title 42 and committed before March 1, 2022;~~

(III) A TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR; OR

(IV) A PETTY OFFENSE.

(4) A defendant moving to vacate a guilty plea to a class 1, ~~or~~ class 2, OR CLASS 3 misdemeanor; A TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR; A PETTY OFFENSE; or a municipal offense, must, in good faith, allege the following:

SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-903, **amend** (1), (3), and (5); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

24-31-903. Division of criminal justice report. (1) ~~Beginning July 1, 2023, the~~ THE division of criminal justice in the department of public safety shall create an annual report including all of the information that is reported to the division pursuant to subsection (2) AND (2.5) of this section, aggregated and ~~broken down~~ DISAGGREGATED by the law

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enforcement agency that employs peace officers, along with the underlying data.

(2.5) (a) ON OR BEFORE JULY 15, 2025, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT PARTICIPATES IN A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE, OR THAT DEDICATES PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE, SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THE REPORT MUST CONTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING EACH MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE REPORT SUBMISSION:

(I) THE PURPOSE OF THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO;

(II) EACH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT PARTICIPATED IN, OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO, THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO;

(III) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AS A RESULT OF THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO; AND

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(IV) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE DETAINED FOR IMMIGRATION PURPOSES OR CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS FOR OFFENSES RELATED TO AN INDIVIDUAL'S IMMIGRATION STATUS AS A RESULT OF THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO.

(b) (I) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, CONCERNING THE INFORMATION RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

(c) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.5), UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 16-2.5-402.

(3) The Colorado state patrol and local law enforcement agencies PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.5) OF THIS SECTION, shall not report the name, address, social security number, or other unique personal identifying information of the subject of the use of force, victim of the official misconduct, eyewitness or subject in a showup, or persons contacted, searched, or subjected to a property seizure. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the data reported pursuant to this

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section is available to the public pursuant to subsection (4) of this section.

(5) (a) The Colorado state patrol, ~~and any~~ A local law enforcement agency, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY that fails to meet its reporting requirements pursuant to this section is:

~~(a)~~ (I) Subject to the suspension of its funding by its appropriating authority; and

~~(b)~~ (II) Unless the Colorado state patrol, ~~or~~ local law enforcement agency, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY is working with the division of criminal justice to meet its reporting requirements pursuant to this section, not eligible to be awarded grants under the multidisciplinary crime prevention grant program in section 24-33.5-527, the law enforcement workforce recruitment, retention, and tuition grant program in section 24-33.5-528, or the state's mission for assistance in recruiting and training (SMART) policing grant program in section 24-33.5-529.

(b) IN ADDITION TO PENALTIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INTENTIONALLY FAILS TO DISCLOSE A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN, OR A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION.

SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-101, **amend** (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), and (1)(e) as follows:

24-74-101. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

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(a) State agencies AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS increasingly collect residents' personal information to be able to provide a variety of services, including education, health care, financial assistance, and regulatory and enforcement activities designed to ensure the safety of Colorado residents;

(b) Colorado residents have a reasonable expectation that state agencies AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS will not disclose this information with outside actors for unintended purposes;

(d) All Coloradans should feel welcome to ~~be the recipients of state~~ RECEIVE STATE AND LOCAL services without fear of abuse of their privacy or data;

(e) Any role that a state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION plays in enforcing federal immigration laws can undermine public trust and deter persons from accessing these services offered by state agencies AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS;

SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-102, **amend** (3), (4), and (5); and **add** (1.5), (1.6), and (1.8) as follows:

24-74-102. Definitions. As used in this article 74, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1.5) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A GOVERNING SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, INCLUDING A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR SPECIAL DISTRICT; A BOARD, COMMISSION, INSTITUTION, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; OR AN ENTITY THAT CONTRACTS WITH A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR A BOARD, COMMISSION, INSTITUTION, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

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(1.6) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE" MEANS A PERSON IN THE SERVICE OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHILE ACTING IN THE PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY. "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED AND WHETHER FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARY. "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE" ALSO INCLUDES AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHEN ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

(1.8) "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102, LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE, OR AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(3) "State agency" means ~~a department of the executive branch of state government, including any division, office, agency, or other unit created within a department or the governor's office, including institutions of higher education and the Colorado commission on higher education~~ A DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ANY DIVISION, OFFICE, AGENCY, OR OTHER UNIT CREATED WITHIN A DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE; A BOARD, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, BUREAU, INSTITUTION, OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE; A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; OR THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

(4) "State agency employee" means ~~every person in the service of a state agency, including all officers and employees whether full-time, part-time, or temporary, and whether classified in or exempt from the state personnel system. "State agency employee" also includes all~~

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~~independent contractors of a state agency, when acting in their capacity as independent contractors for the state agency~~ A PERSON IN THE SERVICE OF A STATE AGENCY WHILE ACTING IN THE PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY. "STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE; WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED; FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARY; AND CLASSIFIED IN OR EXEMPT FROM THE STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM. "STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE" ALSO INCLUDES AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A STATE AGENCY WHEN ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A STATE AGENCY.

(5) "Third party" means ~~any~~ A person or entity, including ~~any~~ A law enforcement officer or agency, that is not a state agency, a state agency employee, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE, or otherwise part of the state government OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-74-103 as follows:

24-74-103. Personal identifying information shared by state agencies or political subdivisions - limitation - responsibilities - state agency or political subdivision employee. A state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE shall not disclose or make accessible, including through a database or automated network, personal identifying information that is not publicly available information, ~~for the purpose of investigating for, participating in, cooperating with, or assisting in federal immigration enforcement, including enforcement of civil immigration laws and 8 U.S.C. sec. 1325 or 1326~~ except as required by federal or state law or as required to comply with a court-issued subpoena, warrant, or

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order.

SECTION 14. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-104, **amend** (1), (2) introductory portion, and (3) as follows:

24-74-104. Reduce personal identifying information collected by governmental entities. (1) ~~Beginning January 1, 2022,~~ A state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE shall not inquire into, or request information or documents to ascertain, a person's immigration status, ~~for the purpose of identifying if the person has complied with federal immigration laws, including civil immigration laws and 8 U.S.C. sec. 1325 or 1326~~ except as required by state or federal law or as necessary to perform state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION duties, or to verify a person's eligibility for a government-funded program for housing or economic development if verification is a necessary condition of the government funding.

(2) ~~Beginning January 1, 2022,~~ A state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION shall not collect the following, except as required by state or federal law or as necessary to perform state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION duties, or to verify a person's eligibility for a government-funded program for housing or economic development if verification is a necessary condition of the government funding:

(3) (a) This section does not apply to INFORMATION IN a database or automated network collecting data or documents that was activated by a state agency on or before December 31, 2021.

(b) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO INFORMATION IN A DATABASE OR AUTOMATED NETWORK COLLECTING DATA OR DOCUMENTS THAT WAS ACTIVATED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025.

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SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-105, **amend** (2) as follows:

24-74-105. Access to state agency or political subdivision records - limitations. (2) The attorney general's office shall create a model certification form and ~~provide it to state agencies within sixty days of June 25, 2021~~ MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO STATE AGENCIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

SECTION 16. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-106, **amend** (1) introductory portion, (1)(a), (2) introductory portion, (2)(d), and (4) as follows:

24-74-106. Record-keeping and reporting - requests for records or information - definition - repeal. (1) ~~For purposes of~~ AS USED IN this section, "request" includes any time a third party, other than a person in interest as defined in section 24-72-202 (4), communicates, whether through written or electronic form, with a state agency, ~~or~~ state agency employee, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE for the purpose of obtaining records or information that includes personal identifying information. "Request" does not include:

(a) A request made ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO the "Colorado Open Records Act", part 2 of article 72 of this title 24, or ~~the "Colorado Criminal Justice Records Act", parts 2 and~~ PART 3 of article 72 of this title 24; except that, for purposes of this section, "request" does include a request made ~~under the~~ PURSUANT TO "Colorado Open Records Act", part 2 of article 72 of this title 24, whether made by telephone or through written or electronic form, if the requester indicates or a state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION employee determines the request is made for the purpose of investigating for, participating in, cooperating with, or

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assisting in federal immigration enforcement, including enforcement of civil immigration laws and 8 U.S.C. sec. 1325 or 1326;

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, ~~beginning January 1, 2022,~~ if a third party makes a request for a record from a state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION and the record contains personal identifying information, the state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION shall retain a written record containing the following information:

(d) The name and title of the state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE who granted or denied the request;

(4) (a) (I) Beginning January 1, 2022, and on a quarterly basis thereafter THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, each state agency shall:

~~(a)~~ (A) Submit to the governor's office of legal counsel the information specified in subsection (2) of this section; and

~~(b)~~ (B) Attest that ~~no request was~~ NONE OF THE REQUESTS WERE granted for any purpose prohibited by this article 74.

(II) THIS SUBSECTION (4)(a) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

(b) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ON A QUARTERLY BASIS THEREAFTER, EACH STATE AGENCY AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL:

(I) SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) ATTEST THAT NONE OF THE REQUESTS WERE GRANTED FOR ANY PURPOSE PROHIBITED BY THIS ARTICLE 74.

SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-74-107 as follows:

24-74-107. Data privacy breaches - civil penalty - civil action. (1) (a) ~~Any~~ A state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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EMPLOYEE who ~~intentionally~~ KNOWINGLY violates ~~the provisions~~ A PROVISION of this article 74 is subject to an injunction and is liable for a civil penalty of not more than fifty thousand dollars for each violation.

(b) ANY CIVIL PENALTY MONEY COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT IT TO THE IMMIGRATION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-3.8-101.

(2) A STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE WHO INTENTIONALLY VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 74 IS LIABLE TO THE INJURED PARTY FOR LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RELIEF OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF.

(3) (a) STATUTORY IMMUNITY AND STATUTORY IMMUNITY ON LIABILITY, DAMAGES, OR ATTORNEY FEES DO NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE "COLORADO GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT", ARTICLE 10 OF THIS TITLE 24, DOES NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(b) QUALIFIED IMMUNITY IS NOT A DEFENSE TO LIABILITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(4) IN ANY ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A COURT SHALL AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS TO A PREVAILING PLAINTIFF. IN ACTIONS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, A COURT SHALL DEEM A PLAINTIFF TO HAVE PREVAILED IF THE PLAINTIFF'S SUIT WAS A SUBSTANTIAL FACTOR OR SIGNIFICANT CATALYST IN OBTAINING THE RESULTS SOUGHT BY THE LITIGATION. WHEN A JUDGMENT IS ENTERED IN FAVOR OF A DEFENDANT, THE COURT MAY AWARD REASONABLE COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES TO THE DEFENDANT FOR DEFENDING ANY CLAIMS THE COURT FINDS FRIVOLOUS.

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(5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL INDEMNIFY ITS EMPLOYEES FOR A LIABILITY INCURRED BY THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE AND FOR A JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT ENTERED AGAINST THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE FOR CLAIMS ARISING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DETERMINES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS THAT THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE DID NOT ACT UPON A GOOD FAITH AND REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THE ACTION WAS LAWFUL, THEN THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT, OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS LESS, AND SHALL NOT BE INDEMNIFIED BY THE STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR EITHER THE FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, IF THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE'S OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE'S PORTION OF THE JUDGMENT IS UNCOLLECTIBLE FROM THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE, THE STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR INSURANCE SHALL SATISFY THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT. A STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DOES NOT HAVE TO INDEMNIFY A STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE IF THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE WAS CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR THE CONDUCT FROM WHICH THE CLAIM ARISES UNLESS THE

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STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WAS A CAUSAL FACTOR IN THE OFFENSE THROUGH ITS ACTION OR INACTION.

(6) A CIVIL ACTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE FILED WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUES.

SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-74-107.5 as follows:

24-74-107.5. Education records. (14) IF ANY FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL "FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. 1232G, OR ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, IS REPEALED OR AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF EDUCATION RECORDS OR ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT A STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF THE STUDENT, TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, THEN SECTIONS 24-74-103 AND 24-74-104 OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-2-402; THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AS DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-80-102; OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22.

SECTION 19. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 74.1 to title 24 as follows:

ARTICLE 74.1

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Protection of Safe Spaces

24-74.1-101. Definitions. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) "CHILD CARE CENTER" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 26-5-503 AND THAT IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 26.5.

(2) "EMPLOYEE" MEANS A PERSON IN THE SERVICE OF A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY WHILE ACTING IN THE PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY. "EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED AND WHETHER FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARY. "EMPLOYEE" ALSO INCLUDES AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHEN ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY.

(3) "FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS EXECUTING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS IN THE SERVICE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR ANY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, BUREAU, DIVISION, OFFICE, OR UNIT THEREOF, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, OR THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES.

(4) "HEALTH-CARE FACILITY" MEANS A HEALTH FACILITY THAT IS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-103 OR ARTICLE 3

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OF TITLE 25.

(5) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22, A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22, OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22 THAT OPERATES ONE OR MORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(6) "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102; LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE; OR AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(7) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-2-402; THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AS DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-80-102; OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22.

24-74.1-102. Limitation on access to safe spaces - policy. (1) A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HEALTH-CARE FACILITY, OR AN EMPLOYEE THEREOF, SHALL NOT PROVIDE TO A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY:

(a) ANY INFORMATION ABOUT A CHILD OR STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED IN THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL

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EDUCATION PROVIDER, OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A PATIENT WHO SOUGHT, RECEIVED, IS SEEKING, OR IS RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY;

(b) ANY INFORMATION ABOUT A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF A PERSON DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(c) ACCESS TO A PART OF THE CHILD CARE CENTER'S, PUBLIC SCHOOL'S, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S, HEALTH-CARE FACILITY'S FACILITY, AUXILIARY FACILITY, PROPERTY, GROUNDS, OR SURROUNDING AREA THAT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES HAVE A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE OR AN ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE TO ALLOW ACCESS.

(2) (a) NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF HOUSE BILL 25-___, EACH CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND HEALTH-CARE FACILITY SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY THAT ALIGNS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE 74.1. THE POLICY MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

(I) PROCEDURES TO MAINTAIN THE PROTECTION OF INFORMATION AND SPACES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION;

(II) PROCEDURES TO PROPERLY SECURE THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, AND PROCEDURES TO RELEASE INFORMATION THAT IS OTHERWISE PROTECTED IF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HAVE A SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR AN ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE

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TO ALLOW ACCESS;

(III) A COMPREHENSIVE OUTLINE OF EMPLOYEE DUTIES, IN EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND LANGUAGE, INCLUDING PARAMETERS CONCERNING EMPLOYEES' AUTHORITY TO INTERACT WITH OR ASSIST A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR ACCESS, AND INFORMATION CONCERNING TO WHOM AN EMPLOYEE MUST REFER AN FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR ASSISTANCE CONCERNING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR ACCESS;

(IV) INFORMATION THAT MUST BE REQUESTED OF AND DOCUMENTED REGARDING THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY WHO IS REQUESTING INFORMATION OR ACCESS, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, EMPLOYER, BADGE NUMBER, AND THE SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE TO ALLOW ACCESS;

(V) THE MANNER IN WHICH A CHILD, STUDENT, PATIENT, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE THEREOF, MAY ACCESS THE CHILD CARE CENTER'S, PUBLIC SCHOOL'S, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S, HEALTH-CARE FACILITY'S FACILITY, AUXILIARY FACILITY, PROPERTY, GROUNDS, OR SURROUNDING AREA; AND

(VI) THE MANNER IN WHICH INFORMATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED WITH A CHILD, STUDENT, PATIENT, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE THEREOF, CONCERNING A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR ACCESS IN RELATION TO CHILD, STUDENT, PATIENT, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR

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RELATIVE THEREOF.

(b) A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY THAT ADOPTS A POLICY PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL POST ITS POLICY ON ITS WEBSITE.

24-74.1-103. Remedy. (1) (a) A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 74.1 IS SUBJECT TO AN INJUNCTION AND IS LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION.

(b) ANY CIVIL PENALTY COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT IT TO THE IMMIGRATION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-3.8-101.

(2) AN EMPLOYEE WHO INTENTIONALLY VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 74.1 IS LIABLE TO THE INJURED PARTY FOR LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RELIEF OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF.

(3) (a) STATUTORY IMMUNITY AND STATUTORY IMMUNITY ON LIABILITY, DAMAGES, OR ATTORNEY FEES DO NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE "COLORADO GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT", ARTICLE 10 OF THIS TITLE 24, DOES NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(b) QUALIFIED IMMUNITY IS NOT A DEFENSE TO LIABILITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(4) IN AN ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A COURT SHALL AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS TO A PREVAILING

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PLAINTIFF. IN ACTIONS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, A COURT SHALL DEEM A PLAINTIFF TO HAVE PREVAILED IF THE PLAINTIFF'S SUIT WAS A SUBSTANTIAL FACTOR OR SIGNIFICANT CATALYST IN OBTAINING THE RESULTS SOUGHT BY THE LITIGATION. WHEN A JUDGMENT IS ENTERED IN FAVOR OF A DEFENDANT, THE COURT MAY AWARD REASONABLE COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES TO THE DEFENDANT FOR DEFENDING CLAIMS THE COURT FINDS FRIVOLOUS.

(5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY SHALL INDEMNIFY ITS EMPLOYEES FOR A LIABILITY INCURRED BY THE EMPLOYEE AND FOR A JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT ENTERED AGAINST THE EMPLOYEE FOR CLAIMS ARISING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY DETERMINES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS THAT THE EMPLOYEE DID NOT ACT UPON A GOOD FAITH AND REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THE ACTION WAS LAWFUL, THEN THE EMPLOYEE IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT, OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS LESS, AND SHALL NOT BE INDEMNIFIED BY THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY FOR EITHER THE FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER THE EMPLOYEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, IF THE EMPLOYEE'S PORTION OF THE JUDGMENT IS UNCOLLECTIBLE FROM THE EMPLOYEE, THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC

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SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY OR INSURANCE SHALL SATISFY THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT. A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY DOES NOT HAVE TO INDEMNIFY AN EMPLOYEE IF THE EMPLOYEE WAS CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR THE CONDUCT FROM WHICH THE CLAIM ARISES UNLESS THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY WAS A CAUSAL FACTOR IN THE OFFENSE THROUGH ITS ACTION OR INACTION.

(6) A CIVIL ACTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE FILED WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUES.

SECTION 20. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-101, **amend** (1)(i)(XXII), (1)(i)(XXIII), and (1)(m); and **add** (1)(i)(XXIV) and (1)(i)(XXV) as follows:

24-31-101. Powers and duties of attorney general. (1) The attorney general:

(i) May independently initiate and bring civil and criminal actions to enforce state laws, including actions brought pursuant to:

(XXII) Part 14 of article 12 of title 38; ~~and~~

(XXIII) Section 24-34-806;

(XXIV) SECTION 24-74-107; AND

(XXV) SECTION 24-74.1-103.

(m) Upon request of ~~any~~ AN employee in the state personnel system, shall represent ~~such~~ THE employee in ~~any~~ A civil action or administrative proceeding instituted against ~~such~~ THE employee, either in

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the employee's official or individual capacity if the action or proceeding arises out of performance of the employee's official duties as determined by the attorney general and if the action or proceeding has not been brought by the state personnel director or the appointing authority of the employee seeking dismissal or other disciplinary action; except that the attorney general shall not represent ~~any such~~ THE employee in an action brought ~~under section 24-50.5-105~~ PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-50.5-105, 24-74-107, OR 24-74.1-103;

SECTION 21. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.6-101, **amend** (1) and (3); and **add** (1.5), (2.3), and (2.7) as follows:

24-76.6-101. Definitions. As used in this article 76.6, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Civil immigration detainer" means a ~~written~~ request issued by federal immigration enforcement authorities ~~pursuant to 8 CFR 287.7~~ to law enforcement officers TO ARREST OR DETAIN AN INDIVIDUAL OR to maintain custody of an individual beyond the time when the individual is eligible for release from custody, including ~~any~~ A request for law enforcement agency action, warrant for arrest of alien, order to detain or release alien, or warrant of ~~removal/deportation~~ REMOVAL OR DEPORTATION on ~~any~~ A form promulgated by federal immigration enforcement authorities.

(1.5) "DETENTION FACILITY" MEANS A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-1-102; PRIVATE CONTRACT PRISON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-1-102; LOCAL JAIL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-1-102; MULTIJURISDICTIONAL JAIL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-26.5-101; OR MUNICIPAL JAIL, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 31-15-401 (1)(j).

(2.3) "GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET

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FORTH IN SECTION 24-76.7-101.

(2.7) "IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION" MEANS AN OPERATION IN WHICH THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS THE IDENTIFICATION OR APPREHENSION OF A PERSON OR PERSONS TO:

(a) SUBJECT THEM TO CIVIL IMMIGRATION DETENTION, REMOVAL, OR DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS, OR REMOVAL OR DEPORTATION FROM THE UNITED STATES; OR

(b) CRIMINALLY PROSECUTE THEM FOR OFFENSES RELATED TO THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THE OFFENSES MAY INCLUDE VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1253, 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1304 (e), 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1306 (a) or 1306 (b), 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1325, 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1326, 18 U.S.C. SEC. 1028A, OR 18 U.S.C. 1546.

(3) "Law enforcement officer" means a peace officer ~~employed by the Colorado state patrol, a municipal police department, a town marshal's office, or a county sheriff's office~~ DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 2.5 OF TITLE 16, WHILE ACTING IN THE PEACE OFFICER'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY, WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED OR WHETHER EMPLOYED FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARILY.

SECTION 22. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.6-102, **amend** (1)(b), (2), and (5); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

24-76.6-102. Civil immigration detainers - legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(b) Requests ~~for civil immigration detainers~~ TO ARREST OR DETAIN FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT are not warrants under Colorado law. A warrant is a written order by a judge directed to a law enforcement officer commanding the arrest of the person named, as defined in section 16-1-104 (18). None of the ~~civil immigration detainer~~ requests received

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from the federal immigration authorities are reviewed, approved, or signed by a judge as required by Colorado law. The continued detention of an inmate at the request of federal immigration authorities beyond when ~~he or she~~ THE INMATE would otherwise be released constitutes a warrantless arrest, which is unconstitutional, *People v. Burns*, 615 P.2d 686, 688 (Colo. 1980).

(2) A law enforcement officer shall not arrest or detain an individual, OR DENY OR DELAY AN INDIVIDUAL'S RELEASE FROM CUSTODY on the basis of a civil immigration detainer. ~~request.~~

(2.5) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL NOT COMMAND OR REQUEST A PRIVATE CITIZEN TO ASSIST IN THE ARREST OR DETAINMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE BASIS OF A CIVIL IMMIGRATION DETAINER.

(5) (a) EXCEPT AS PROHIBITED IN SECTION 24-76.6-104, nothing in this section precludes ~~any~~ A law enforcement officer from investigating or enforcing ~~any~~ A STATE OR LOCAL criminal law. ~~or from participating in coordinated law enforcement actions with federal law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of local, state, or federal criminal laws.~~

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, COOPERATE WITH, ASSIST IN, OR FACILITATE A FEDERAL, MULTIJURISDICTIONAL, OR COORDINATED IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY A SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR AN ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE.

SECTION 23. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.6-103, **amend** (1) as follows:

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24-76.6-103. Limitations on providing personal information by probation offices. (1) A probation officer, ~~or~~ probation department employee, PRETRIAL OFFICER, OR PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICE EMPLOYEE shall not provide personal information about an individual to federal immigration authorities.

SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-76.6-104 as follows:

24-76.6-104. Limitations on multijurisdictional or coordinated actions. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-76.6-102 (5), A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, COOPERATE WITH, ASSIST IN, OR FACILITATE A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL, COORDINATED ACTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY A SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE.

SECTION 25. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-76.6-105 as follows:

24-76.6-105. Limitation on access in detention facilities. A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OR ANY EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A DETENTION FACILITY, SHALL NOT ALLOW FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ACCESS TO A PART OF THE DETENTION FACILITY THAT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, UNLESS THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HAVE A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE TO ALLOW ACCESS, OR IF THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HAVE A WRIT ISSUED BY A JUDGE CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF AN INMATE TO OR FROM FEDERAL CUSTODY.

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SECTION 26. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.7-101, **amend** (2) as follows:

24-76.7-101. Definitions. As used in this article 76.7, unless the context otherwise requires:

(2) "Immigration detention agreement" means ~~any~~ A contract, including, but not limited to, an intergovernmental service agreement, ~~or portion thereof for payment to~~ WITH a governmental entity to detain individuals for federal civil immigration purposes. For a contract or intergovernmental service agreement that is only in part for the detention of individuals for federal immigration officials, this term only applies to the civil immigration detention portion of the contract.

SECTION 27. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-3.8-101, **amend** (2) as follows:

8-3.8-101. Immigration legal assistance - fund - report - definitions. (2) (a) There is established in the state treasury the immigration legal defense fund. The money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the administrator. Pursuant to subsection (5)(b) of this section, the administrator is authorized to make grants from the fund to qualifying organizations to represent indigent individuals appearing before an immigration court in Colorado who lack private counsel.

(b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ANY CIVIL PENALTY MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-107 OR 24-74.1-103 AND INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF THE CIVIL PENALTY MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE FUND.

SECTION 28. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-123, **add** (14) as follows:

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22-1-123. Protection of student data - parental or legal guardian consent for surveys. (14) IF ANY FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL "FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. 1232G, OR ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, IS REPEALED OR AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF EDUCATION RECORDS OR ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT A STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF THE STUDENT, TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, THEN SECTIONS 24-74-103 AND 24-74-104 APPLY TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT; SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-2-402; THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AS DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-80-102; OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22.

SECTION 29. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-117, **amend** (1)(b)(XI) and (1)(b)(XII); and **add** (1)(b)(XIII) as follows:

22-2-117. Additional power - state board - waiver of requirements - rules. (1) (b) The state board shall not waive any of the requirements specified in any of the following statutory provisions:

(XI) Any provision of section 22-1-145 relating to the use of a student's chosen name, as defined in section 22-1-145 (1), in a public school; ~~or~~

(XII) The wearing of cultural or religious objects at school

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graduation ceremonies pursuant to section 22-1-142.5; OR

(XIII) SECTION 22-1-123 AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74.1 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION SAFE SPACES, AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS APPLICABLE.

SECTION 30. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-104, **amend** (6)(c) introductory portion, (6)(c)(X), and (6)(c)(XI); and **add** (6)(c)(XII) as follows:

22-30.5-104. Charter school - requirements - authority - rules - definitions. (6) (c) A school district, on behalf of a charter school, may apply to the state board for a waiver of a state statute or state rule that is not an automatic waiver. Notwithstanding ~~any provision of~~ this subsection (6), ~~to the contrary,~~ the state board ~~may~~ SHALL not waive ~~any~~ A statute or rule relating to:

(X) Any provision of section 22-1-145 relating to the use of a student's chosen name, as defined in section 22-1-145 (1), in a public school; ~~or~~

(XI) The wearing of cultural or religious objects at school graduation ceremonies pursuant to section 22-1-142.5; OR

(XII) SECTION 22-1-123 AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74.1 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION SAFE SPACES, AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS APPLICABLE.

SECTION 31. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-507, **amend** (7)(b)(X) and (7)(b)(XI); and **add** (7)(b)(XII) as follows:

22-30.5-507. Institute charter school - requirements - authority - rules - definitions. (7) (b) An institute charter school may

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apply to the state board, through the institute, for a waiver of state statutes and state rules that are not automatic waivers. The state board may waive state statutory requirements or rules promulgated by the state board; except that the state board ~~may~~ SHALL not waive any statute or rule relating to:

(X) Any provision of section 22-1-145 relating to the use of a student's chosen name, as defined in section 22-1-145 (1), in a public school; ~~or~~

(XI) The wearing of cultural or religious objects at school graduation ceremonies pursuant to section 22-1-142.5; OR

(XII) SECTION 22-1-123 AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74.1 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION SAFE SPACES, AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS APPLICABLE.

SECTION 32. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-135.5, **amend** (1)(a)(II) and (1)(b)(II) as follows:

22-1-135.5. Nondisclosure agreements - protection of school district, board of cooperative services, and public school employees - definitions. (1) (a) No school district, board of cooperative services, public school, or any department, institution, or agency of a school district, board of cooperative services, or public school shall make it a condition of employment that an employee executes a contract or other form of agreement that prohibits, prevents, or otherwise restricts the employee from disclosing factual circumstances concerning the employee's employment with the school district, board of cooperative services, or public school or any of its departments, institutions, or agencies unless the prohibition or restriction in the contract or agreement

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is necessary to prevent disclosure of:

(II) Data; information, including personal identifying information, as defined in section 24-74-102; ~~(1);~~ or matters that are required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations, the state constitution, state law, state regulations, or state rules, or a court of law or as attorney-client privileged communications, as privileged work product, as communications related to a threatened or pending legal or administrative action, or as materials related to personnel or regulatory investigations by the employer;

(b) Any provision in any contract or agreement that violates subsection (1)(a) of this section is deemed to be against public policy and is unenforceable against an employee unless the provision is intended to prevent disclosure of:

(II) Data; information, including personal identifying information, as defined in section 24-74-102; ~~(1);~~ or matters that are required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations, the state constitution, state law, state regulations, or state rules, or a court of law or as attorney-client privileged communications, as privileged work product, as communications related to a threatened or pending legal or administrative action, or as materials related to personnel or regulatory investigations by the employer;

SECTION 33. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-1-144 as follows:

23-1-144. Protection of student data - definition. (1) IF ANY FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL "FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. 1232G, OR ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, IS REPEALED OR AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF

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EDUCATION RECORDS OR ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT A STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF THE STUDENT, TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, THEN SECTIONS 24-74-103 AND 24-74-104 APPLY TO A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102; LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE; OR AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

SECTION 34. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-50.5-105.5, **amend** (1)(a)(II) and (1)(b)(II) as follows:

24-50.5-105.5. Nondisclosure agreements - protection of state employees - definitions. (1) (a) Neither the state nor any department, institution, or agency of the state shall make it a condition of employment that an employee executes a contract or other form of agreement that prohibits, prevents, or otherwise restricts the employee from disclosing factual circumstances concerning the employee's employment with the state or any of its departments, institutions, or agencies unless the prohibition or restriction in the contract or agreement is necessary to prevent disclosure of:

(II) Data; information, including personal identifying information, as defined in section 24-74-102; ~~(1);~~ or matters that are required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations, the state constitution, state law, state regulations, or state rules, or a court of law or as attorney-client privileged communications, as privileged work product, as communications related to a threatened or pending legal or administrative

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action, or as materials related to personnel or regulatory investigations by the employer;

(b) Any provision in any contract or agreement that violates subsection (1)(a) of this section is deemed to be against public policy and is unenforceable against an employee unless the provision is intended to prevent disclosure of:

(II) Data; information, including personal identifying information, as defined in section 24-74-102; ~~(1);~~ or matters that are required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations, the state constitution, state law, state regulations, or state rules, or a court of law or as attorney-client privileged communications, as privileged work product, as communications related to a threatened or pending legal or administrative action, or as materials related to personnel or regulatory investigations by the employer;

SECTION 35. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-1-1601, **amend** (1)(a)(II) and (1)(b)(II) as follows:

29-1-1601. Nondisclosure agreements - protection of local government employees - definitions. (1) (a) Neither a local government nor a department, institution, or agency of a local government shall make it a condition of employment that an employee executes a contract or other form of agreement that prohibits, prevents, or otherwise restricts the employee from disclosing factual circumstances concerning the employee's employment with the local government or any of its departments, institutions, or agencies unless the prohibition or restriction in the contract or agreement is necessary to prevent disclosure of:

(II) Data; information, including personal identifying information, as defined in section 24-74-102; ~~(1);~~ or matters that are required to be

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kept confidential by federal law or regulations, the state constitution, state law, state regulations, or state rules, or a court of law or as attorney-client privileged communications, as privileged work product, as communications related to a threatened or pending legal or administrative action, or as materials related to personnel or regulatory investigations by the employer;

(b) Any provision in any contract or agreement that violates subsection (1)(a) of this section is deemed to be against public policy and is unenforceable against an employee unless the provision is intended to prevent disclosure of:

(II) Data; information, including personal identifying information, as defined in section 24-74-102; ~~(I);~~ or matters that are required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations, the state constitution, state law, state regulations, or state rules, or a court of law or as attorney-client privileged communications, as privileged work product, as communications related to a threatened or pending legal or administrative action, or as materials related to personnel or regulatory investigations by the employer;

SECTION 36. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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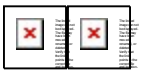
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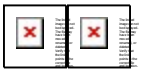
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Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 6:20 PM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: Re: Question on PD working with ICE

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To: Anthony Mazzola; Ben Sollars; Brian Olson; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; ed@town.meeker.co.us; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; jared.rapp@state.co.us; John Hassell; Joseph Deras; Kim Ferber; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Matt Gronbeck; Michael Buglione; mkite@townofsilt.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; TiRynn Hamblin
Subject: FW: *Officer Safety*
Attachments: Updated Bolo Merlin.pdf

FYI, this guy definitely qualifies as a potential threat.

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From: Laura Horsey <lhorsey@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 4:13 PM
To: Adam Ford <aford@garcosheriff.com>; Amy Roggie <aroggie@garcosheriff.com>; Andy Haffele <ahaffele@garcosheriff.com>; Bailey Gilliam <bgilliam@garcosheriff.com>; Ben Herbert <bherbert@garcosheriff.com>; Billy Sauer <wsauer@garcosheriff.com>; Brent Baker <BBaker@garcosheriff.com>; Brett Burrows <bburrows@garcosheriff.com>; Brian Sutton <bsutton@garcosheriff.com>; Carter Hailey <chailey@garcosheriff.com>; Cathy Dalla <cdalla@garcosheriff.com>; Chad Whiting <cwhiting@garcosheriff.com>; Chasity Gonzales <cgonzales@garcosheriff.com>; Chris Bornholdt <cbornholdt@garcosheriff.com>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; David Mulkey <dmulkey@garcosheriff.com>; Derek Fruetel <dfruetel@garcosheriff.com>; Devan Salazar <dsalazar@garcosheriff.com>; Don Breier <DBreier@garcosheriff.com>; Edgar Lara <elara@garcosheriff.com>; Ellie Fazzi <efazzi@garcosheriff.com>; Eric Vargas <evargas@garcosheriff.com>; Gabrielle Herrera <gherrera@garcosheriff.com>; Haley Herbert <hherbert@garcosheriff.com>; Harley Narramore <hnarramore@garcosheriff.com>; James Miller <jmiller@garcosheriff.com>; James Roe <jroe@garcosheriff.com>; Jared Tetzlaff <jtetzlaff@garcosheriff.com>; Jason Alstatt <JAlstatt@garcosheriff.com>; Jesse Burris <jwburris@garcosheriff.com>; Jim Schuckers <JSchuckers@garcosheriff.com>; Joe Caputo <jcaputo@garcosheriff.com>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>; Joshua Wilson <jwilson@garcosheriff.com>; Kalob Foreman <kforeman@garcosheriff.com>; Kevin Osborne <kosborne@garcosheriff.com>; Kiyvon Nye <knye@garcosheriff.com>; Laura Horsey <lhorsey@garcosheriff.com>; Lester Gherardini <lgherardini@garcosheriff.com>; Levy Burris <lburris@garcosheriff.com>; Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>; Maira Contreras <mcontreras@garcosheriff.com>; Matthew Graham <mgraham@garcosheriff.com>; Matthew Jenness <mjenness@garcosheriff.com>; Max Bowen <mbowen@garcosheriff.com>; Micah Payton <mpayton@garcosheriff.com>; Misael Vasquez <mvasquez@garcosheriff.com>; Nate LaGiglia <nlagiglia@garcosheriff.com>; Orrin Dimmick <odimmick@garcosheriff.com>; Owen Snyder <osnyder@garcosheriff.com>; Shannon Stowe <sstowe@garcosheriff.com>; Stacie West <swest@garcosheriff.com>; Thomas Hartman <thartman@garcosheriff.com>; Tim Rhodes <trhodes@garcosheriff.com>; Tom O'Leary; Walter Stowe <wstowe@garcosheriff.com>
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Hello all,

See attached…. Thank you

Respectfully,

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 10:08 AM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: Congrats!

Chief,

Congrats to you and John. Makes me glad I hired him! LOL!

For clarification, how do you want to handle MOU's, notifications (SPEAR, AHRT, Fire Chiefs, etc)? Will you be the one I need to correspond with, John, Doug or all?

I'll check my distribution lists and make sure he's on all of them, but do you still want to be included?

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 8:03 AM
To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Leif Sackett
Subject: Fwd: Intel Bulletin for James Snyder
Attachments: SPEAR Intel Bull.docx

The SPEAR Team has Snyder located in a house in Rifle, near the hospital. They requested AHRT to assist with the search and takedown due to his history.

I approved the plan, pending any feedback from the board.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
> **Date:** October 24, 2024 at 1:26:03 PM MDT
> **To:** Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>, Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>, Sam Stewart <sstewart@parachutecolorado.com>, Mike Kuper <mkuper@rifleco.org>, Chuck Burrows <cburrows@newcastlecolorado.org>, Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>, Kirk Wilson <kwilson@carbondaleco.net>
> **Subject: Intel Bulletin for James Snyder**
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> Hello all
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> If you have any questions, please reach out to TFO Mulkey at 970 309-0594 or TFO Lara at 970 319-7258
> Thank you and be safe.
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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
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Do you have a new Fire Chief, or should I continue to send these just to you. Also, do you want Hassell included? I'm not sure of the structure you have….?

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> Get Outlook for iOS
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Cc: Walter Stowe; Shannon Stowe
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To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Leif Sackett
Subject: Fwd: AHRT Request.
Attachments: Pre Operational Plan.docx

Fyi, see the below request. I approved it pending any concerns.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** August 26, 2024 at 10:27:47 AM MDT
> **To:** Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>, Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>, Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
> **Subject: AHRT Request.**
>
> SPEAR is requesting for AHRT to assist with a search warrant execution for a known drug house in Rifle. Several of the associated parties have been armed in the past and have violent/weapons charges in their criminal histories. Mike has reached out to his Chief and she has requested for our team to assist with the execution. We have also hit this house once before with team.
>
> Im good with the request, if approved we would be looking at a Friday morning 07:00 hit as the search warrant must be executed during daylight hours.
>
> The pre op plan info is also attached to this email. Please let me know if you and the board are good with us assisting.
>
> Thanks!
> Oz
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> Begin forwarded message:
>
> > **From:** David Mulkey <dmulkey@garcosheriff.com>
> > **Date:** August 23, 2024 at 3:31:51 PM MDT
> > **To:** Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>

Cc: Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
Subject: Pre op Plan

Attached is the preoperational plan for 321 W. 24th Place

Investigator David Mulkey
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Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 1:50 PM
To: Anthony Mazzola; Brian Olson; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; ed@town.meeker.co.us; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Jeff Cheney; John Hassell; Joseph Deras; Kim Ferber; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Matt Gronbeck; Michael Buglione; mkite@townofsilt.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; TiRynn Hamblin
Subject: FW: FYI: Attacks on LE
Attachments: (LES) APD (NM) Intel Bulletin 24-30 - Tren De Aragua (TDA) Green Light On LEO.pdf

Fyi…..Venezuelan gangs.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 6:00 AM
To: Joseph Deras
Cc: Cathy Dalla; Debra Funston
Subject: Re: SPEAR grants

We can make that work.

I haven't spoken with Debra yet, but we can take over that role and transition with Bill. It makes sense since we manage the expenses and revenues. I think Cathy will task our grant manager, April with this.

Thanks for the advance warning!

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> Hi Lou,
> I'm sorry I didn't get back with you sooner. Nothing in concrete, but I was thinking around/by the first of the year? We (Bill) can be available anytime to work out a transition or some explanation/training on how he has been facilitating the grants and funds over the years if there is any interest from a new person. Whatever is the easiest process for the team is good with us. If that date doesn't work we can always go into the next year. I wanted to be mindful for the upcoming year's grant application to HIDTA so someone could be on top of that ahead of time and the submission date is not missed.
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To: Joseph Deras
Cc: Deb Funston
Subject: Re: SPEAR Assignment

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Thanks.

I never heard if Travis got the job or not.

Due to some promotions and movements, Baker has been promoted to Patrol Lt and his replacement, Nate LaGiglia will not be there until June 23....something about getting married is interfering!

We'll get by until we're whole again.

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>
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> As you have likely heard, our assigned SPEAR TFO Cpl. Travis Still has tendered his resignation which will take effect in a few weeks. We are not in a position to backfill his position on the team for the foreseeable future. While we are close to being fully staffed, several of those positions are committed to academy recruits, laterals going to the Colorado skills program or in various stages of training. We are committed via contract for the leased vehicle Cpl. Still was assigned. That belongs to SPEAR per the HIDTA grant funding. We can arrange to have it stored or reassigned to the team.
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> Not great news, but I know both of you understand the circumstances. Happy to chat further if needed.
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Subject: RE: SPEAR stats

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Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:05 PM
To: Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Cc: Shelby Beitzel <sbeitzel@rifleco.org>
Subject: SPEAR stats

Hello all
Here are stats for the month of March 2024

Incidents responded to: 81
Cases pulled: 22
Arrests: 23
MVT/Motorcycle/UTV/Trailer; reported stolen and recovered: 6

Fentanyl pills: 8,329
Fentanyl powder: 52.55 grams
Meth: 310.44 grams
Crack Cocaine: 122.45 grams

Last month was a busy month that wrapped in the Child Predator operation as well as the Raul homicide. In addition we seized a large amount of Fentanyl pills “8,329”. We continue to grab numerous trucks and side-by-sides that have been stolen.

Thank you
Tyler

Ryan M. Muse

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Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 12:27 PM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: Re: SRO Agreement Terminated

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Well damn! That's the look I was hoping for! LOL!!!

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> Get Outlook for iOS
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Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:43 PM
To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Alison Richards; Leonard Haran; Mike Tyler
Subject: Fwd: Human Remains Found Near Rifle Lead to Arrests of Four Individuals
Attachments: image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png; image006.png; image007.png; 04_03-Fravert Investigation.pdf

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> **Date:** April 4, 2024 at 4:52:52 PM MDT
> **Subject: Human Remains Found Near Rifle Lead to Arrests of Four Individuals**
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> **CONTACT:**
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> **Walt Stowe**
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> PIO/Community Relations Deputy
>
> Garfield County Sheriff's Office
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> 106 County Road 333-A
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> Rifle, CO 81650
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> Phone: 970-665-0207
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3) DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - FENTANYL, 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(D), C.R.S., DF2
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Manuela Zapata-Castillo, DOB: 06/18/1981: Bail set at $500,000.00 cash only for:

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No additional information will be released.

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To: Mike Tyler
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Subject: Re: Tobacco Use PROHIBITED

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Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2024 4:28 AM
To: Leonard Haran
Cc: Josh Craine; Joseph Deras; dfunston@rifleco.org; Colt Cornelius; Jeff Cheney; james.fuller@state.co.us; Mohr - CDPS, Christian
Subject: Re: Predator Operation

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On Mar 9, 2024, at 2:20 AM, Haran, Leonard <Leonard.Haran@ice.dhs.gov> wrote:

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Leonard Haran
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From: Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>
Date: Friday, Mar 08, 2024 at 11:19 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>, Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>, dfunston@rifleco.org <dfunston@rifleco.org>, Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>, Jeff Cheney <jcheney@9daco.org>
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All,

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I will work on the press release tomorrow after I get a little sleep. Thanks all.

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To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; dfunston@rifleco.org; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Jeff Cheney <jcheney@9daco.org>
Cc: james.fuller@state.co.us; Mohr - CDPS, Christian <christian.mohr@state.co.us>; Leonard Haran <leonard.haran@ice.dhs.gov>
Subject: Predator Operation

Bosses,

Just a quick update on the predator operation that each agency has dedicated people to: As of last night we have arrested 3 predators, resulting in a DUID and a small amount of meth. Additionally we have picked up two local fugitives, (one with a SAOC warrant and one being Mr. Raulerson and his 2,000 fentanyl pills, new charges pending of course).

We will be resuming operations today at about 1300 hours, with targets already trying to schedule meet ups, wrapping up around midnight. Thanks for all of the support the last couple of days on this. All of your respective officers and personnel have been working hard and putting in some long hours getting some deserving targets in custody. At the conclusion of the operation, should there be no objections, I will work on a large all-encompassing press release detailing the work and all the agencies involved. Please let me know if that will work for everyone.

Commander Joshua Craine
Garfield County Sheriff's Office
106 County Road 333A
Rifle, CO 81650
(970) 665-0219
(970) 309-2566

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Anthony Mazzola; Brian Olson; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; ed@town.meeker.co.us; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Jeff Cheney; Joseph Deras; Kim Ferber; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Michael Buglione; mkite@townofsilt.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; TiRynn Hamblin
Cc: Maira Contreras
Subject: RE: Tomorrow's Meeting
Attachments: Tren de Aragua Officer Safety Awareness.pdf

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I meant to attach this bulletin from HSI regarding Venezuelan gang activity….

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Cc: Maira Contreras <mcontreras@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: Tomorrow's Meeting

Hola!

Our monthly Judicial Leaders Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 2/21 at 10:00am.

Let me know if you have anything you'd like to discuss. It's the silly season at the Capitol, so I'm sure there's some legislation we will want to discuss.

Hope to see you tomorrow!

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Be safe and stay healthy!

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:49 PM
To: Debra Funston
Cc: Joseph Deras; Mike Tyler
Subject: Re: SPEAR Board Meeting

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You're not missing much. We are doing them every other month. Next one is March 21st!

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> On Feb 13, 2024, at 12:31 PM, Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org> wrote:
>
> Team SPEAR,
>
> I have a 1130 meeting I have to attend (zoom). If I get out relatively close to noon – I'll be at the SPEAR meeting, otherwise….have fun!
>
> Respectfully and in service,
>
> <image001.jpg>
>
> **Debra Funston, Chief of Police**
>
> **Rifle Police Department**

201 18th Street Rifle, CO 81650

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Attachments: sir-TDA_increasing_presence_in_the_US.pdf; (U)(LES) FY23_CPIC_IN_Tren De Aragua_Chi_IL.pdf; Tren de Aragua Report 23-08-02 (1).pdf; TdA Snapshot_ 09142023.pdf

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All,

Here's some great intel on Venezuelan gangs. Please do not share outside of law enforcement and do not share the PowerPoint. It's a work in progress.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Haran, Leonard" <Leonard.Haran@ice.dhs.gov>
> **Date:** February 8, 2024 at 2:33:35 PM MST
> **To:** David Holdren <david.holdren@mesacounty.us>, Curtis Brammer <curtis.brammer@mesacounty.us>, Jason.R.Greenfield@dea.gov, joel.juenke@state.co.us, "Collin Reese (collin.reese@state.co.us)" <collin.reese@state.co.us>, mick.bunn@usdoj.gov, DJPorter@uspis.gov, Matt Ozanic <matt.ozanic@state.co.us>, jstanford@townofpalisade.org, matt.king@mesacounty.us, dkrouse@fruita.org, matts@gjcity.org, Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>, dkrouse@fruita.org
> **Cc:** "Zappe, Alex J. (DN) (FBI)" <ajzappe@fbi.gov>
> **Subject: International Gang Tren De Argua**
>
> As discussed in the last LE Collaboration meetings HSI and FBI are receiving more intel on Venezuelan transnational gang Tren De Argua (TDA), and we would like to share some with our law enforcement partners. Attached are some Law Enforcement Sensitive documents that give red flag indicators, and a historical breakdown. The last attachment is a briefing HSI received on

Tren De Argua presence in Colorado. It is a work in progress, and we are currently monitoring the situation in Carbondale, CO. Once the Government is off the continuing resolution and funding drops, we will request the HSI National Gang Unit visit us and provide updated presentation on TDA.

Recently, information received from FBI Houston suggests that TDA's presence in the United States is a strategic move by the Venezuelan government to destabilize the US. Considering this unconfirmed information, the National Gang Unit is asking HSI offices to search their case/intel holdings for information suggesting or indicating that TDA is a state sponsored criminal organization, following directives from the government of Venezuela or from individuals with ties to Venezuelan government offices. HSI will work with FBI and our law enforcement partners to identify/investigate related crimes and continue to share intel. Alex Zappe and I hope this is beneficial.

Key points:

- TDA members are very protective of their gang status and are not admitting membership. Denver did a report on this of self-admitted female member in CO.
- Interviewing other subjects that were traveling with suspected TDA members has been fruitful because they seem to be aware of their associations
- TDA members may get started in a new area with general violence (what we're seeing in Denver/Aurora), robbery, or low-level extortion. National Gang Unit mentioned in South American, TDA members would find jobs with internet service providers to gain access to residences, and then set them up for robbery. They have also targeted LE/military homes overseas, taking photos of families inside the residences and then extorting them.
- The rifle and star tattoos appear to be unique to TDA and are good indicators of association, especially in combination with a clock
- The train tattoo could be associated to a few different Venezuelan gangs
- They're seeing a new tattoo associated to TDA members involving a father/son photo
- There's some confusion about TDA and Latin Kings because they share a few similarities, including the crown tattoo.
- True TDA members must be from Venezuela, but subjects born elsewhere can be members of TDA subsets
- high propensity for violence and is involved in extortion, kidnapping, human trafficking, human smuggling, drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, fraud, and homicide.
- TDA's leader has directed key members to new countries including the United States and Canada to oversee new criminal revenue streams.
- It was highly recommended to recruit sources that are prior Venezuelan military or law enforcement. CBP reporting has more intel reporting associated to CO. We will share
  That intel once we have it.

Aurora PD Detective David Gallegos is a good point of contact on what Aurora PD is seeing in the streets. Contact info below:

Detective David Gallegos
Aurora Police Department
Gun Violence Suppression Team
6 Abilene Street
Aurora, CO 80011
Office (303) 739-6112
Cell (720) 263-2285
Email dsgalleg@auroragov.org<mailto:dsgalleg@auroragov.org>

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To: Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Leonard Haran; Colt Cornelius; Alison Richards
Cc: kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Chuck Burrows; mkite@townofsilt.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; Fred Jarman
Subject: Fwd: Christopher Brown Arrested on Multiple Felony Warrants
Attachments: image009.png; image010.png; image005.png; image006.jpg; image007.jpg; image008.jpg; 01_27_2024- Christopher Brown Arrested on Felony Charges.pdf

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> **From:** Walter Stowe <wstowe@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** January 27, 2024 at 7:24:37 PM MST
> **Subject: Christopher Brown Arrested on Multiple Felony Warrants**

> **CONTACT:**
>
> **Walt Stowe**
>
> PIO/Community Relations Deputy
>
> Garfield County Sheriff's Office
>
> 106 County Road 333-A
>
> Rifle, CO 81650
>
> Phone: 970-665-0207
>
> Email: wstowe@garcosheriff.com
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Sheriff Lou Vallario

Garfield County, Colorado

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: January 27, 2024

Time: 7:25 PM

Title: Christopher Brown Arrested on Multiple Felony Warrants

IMPORTANT: Please direct any media requests to the contact above. Do not contact the Garfield County Emergency Communications Center or Patrol staff for media requests.

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO. –

Christopher Brown Joshua Brooks Monique Contreras

Garfield County SPEAR (Special Problem Enforcement and Response) Task Force along with the Garfield County All Hazards Response Team (AHRT) executed a search warrant at 84 Silver Plume Dr. Parachute, CO. on Thursday January 25, 2024. Investigators were attempting to locate Christopher Brown who had multiple felony warrants for his arrest.

Christopher Brown was located hiding under the residence and taken into custody. Monique Contreras was arrested for a City of Rifle warrant and aiding Christopher Brown. Joshua Brooks was arrested for aiding Christopher Brown as well.

During the search Investigators discovered a large amount of stolen items as well as methamphetamine and a firearm. The estimated value of the stolen property is approximately $30,000.00. At this time the stolen property has been returned to its rightful owner.

Further arrests are expected from this investigation.

Spear will continue to focus on criminals that cause the most community harm in Garfield County.

SPEAR was assisted by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the District Attorney's Office of the ninth Judicial District and the Garfield County Emergency Communication Authority.

SPEAR is a multi-jurisdictional task force based out of the Garfield County area. Anyone with information on criminal activity is encouraged to call SPEAR at (970) 945-0453 or contact your local law enforcement agency.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Any questions please contact SPEAR Board Chairman, Sheriff Lou Vallario at (970) 945-0453.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

The mission of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office is to provide solutions for the people through professional, ethical and compassionate conduct.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 7:19 PM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com
Cc: Josh Osborne; Colt Cornelius; Josh Craine; Walter Stowe; Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Jeff Cheney; Leif Sackett
Subject: Re: AHRT Request

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All done. In custody!

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> On Jan 25, 2024, at 1:48 PM, Lou Vallario <lvallario@garcosheriff.com> wrote:
>
> Please let me know if you have any questions or objections.
>
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> Garfield County Sheriff
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>
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>
> > On Jan 25, 2024, at 1:46 PM, Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com> wrote:
> >
> > SPEAR is requesting for AHRT to assist with a search warrant execution in Battlement. The suspect has several felony warrants and is known to be armed with firearms. The Sheriff has approved for AHRT to assist and we are awaiting for the search warrant to be approved by a Judge. The operation plan will be a surround and callout of the residence to take the party into custody.

Joshua Osborne
Patrol Commander
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Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 2:49 PM
To: Josh Osborne
Cc: Colt Cornelius; Josh Craine; Walter Stowe; Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Jeff Cheney; Leif Sackett
Subject: Re: AHRT Request

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> On Jan 25, 2024, at 1:46 PM, Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com> wrote:
>
> SPEAR is requesting for AHRT to assist with a search warrant execution in Battlement. The suspect has several felony warrants and is known to be armed with firearms. The Sheriff has approved for AHRT to assist and we are awaiting for the search warrant to be approved by a Judge. The operation plan will be a surround and callout of the residence to take the party into custody.
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Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 4:10 PM
To: Mike Tyler
Cc: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston
Subject: Re: Quick question on lights for unmarked cars

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Use ours. Get Cathy the receipt and we'll apply it towards SPEAR expenses.

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> On Jan 17, 2024, at 4:01 PM, Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org> wrote:
>
> Thank you
> Would you like us to order them using 1 card or just have each agency order them? I'm not sure if we have any $ left in the task force account
>
> **From:** Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 3:51 PM
> **To:** Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; lvallario@garcosheriff.com
> **Subject:** RE: Quick question on lights for unmarked cars
>
> No issue here…JD
>
> **From:** Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 3:07 PM
> **To:** Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
> **Subject:** RE: Quick question on lights for unmarked cars
>
> I found a visor light made by Extreme Tactical Dynamics "Stinger TIR LED Visor Light" for $44.96. We would need 4 of them to cover our UC vehicles. If they don't work out at least they are inexpensive.
>
> **From:** Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 11:42 AM
> **To:** Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; Lou Vallario (LVallario@garcosheriff.com)

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Perhaps price it out?

From: Mike Tyler
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 11:41 AM
To: Lou Vallario (LVallario@garcosheriff.com); Debra Funston; Joseph Deras
Subject: Quick question on lights for unmarked cars

Hello all
I know in the past (old TRIDENT days) we avoided lights in the UC vehicles for a few different reasons. Now that the team has evolved and we have a couple of simi-marked vehicles running with us, we are involved in more traffic stops and take-offs. What does the board think about getting a few of those small plug in red and blue lights, so we may help a little more with traffic contacts in our unmarked cars? Obviously we would not be primary on stops/contacts.
Thank you
Tyler

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13-1-403. Prohibition of civil arrest - writ of protection - procedure.

(1) A person shall not be subject to civil arrest while the person is present at a courthouse or on its environs, or while going to, attending, or coming from a court proceeding.

(2)

(a) A judge or magistrate may issue a writ of protection to prohibit a civil arrest pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. A judge or magistrate may incorporate the writ of protection in other regularly issued documents.

(b) The protection described in subsection (1) of this section applies regardless of whether a writ of protection has been issued.

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(4) An on-duty law enforcement officer who is not employed by or contracted with courthouse security, or participating in a court proceeding, shall present credentials and state the purpose of the officer's presence to any existing courthouse security, who shall maintain a record of the information.

(5) The chief judge of any court may enter an order to ensure that arrests made while persons are present at a courthouse or on its environs, or while going to, attending, or coming from a court proceeding, comply with this section.

History

Source: L. 2020: Entire part added,(SB 20-083),~~ch. 63, p. 317, § 1, effective March 23~~.

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13-1-404. Remedies.

(1) A person who knowingly violates section **13-1-403** (1) or a writ of protection issued pursuant to section **13-1-403** (2) is liable for damages in a civil action for false imprisonment.

(2) A person who knowingly violates section **13-1-403** (1) or a writ of protection issued pursuant to section **13-1-403** (2) is subject to contempt of court.

(3) The attorney general may bring a civil action on behalf of the people of the state for a violation of section **13-1-403** to obtain appropriate equitable or declaratory relief.

(4) A person arrested or detained in violation of section **13-1-403** may seek a writ of habeas corpus.

History

Source: L. 2020: Entire part added,(SB 20-083), ch. 63, p. 217, § 1, effective March 23.

Annotations

Research References & Practice Aids

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Intelligence Bulletin: **Officer Safety/Awareness** Date: July 27, 2024 Bulletin: # 24-30

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Officer Safety/Awareness Bulletin

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The Albuquerque Police Department has received information from our federal partners regarding possible "green light" attacks on law enforcement. AQ HSI has received information from credible human sources out of Colorado that the Tren De Aragua (TDA*) criminal organization operating in Denver have been given a "green light" to fire on or attack law enforcement.

HSI New York has also received this information. Due to the access of these informants this intelligence is believed to be credible at this time. Officers should remain vigilant and reach out to the on-call APD Strategic Criminal Intelligence Unit Detective or GANG Detective if contact is made with an individual associated to TDA or if any additional information becomes available.

*TDA originated in Venezuela and its membership has spread throughout the Western Hemisphere and into the United States. TDA is known to exploit immigrant populations and carry out acts of violent crime.

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14 November 2023

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(U//FOUO) Transnational Criminal Organization Tren De Aragua (TdA) Will Very Likely Establish a Presence in the Chicago, Illinois Area to Conduct and Facilitate Illicit Activities.

(U) Executive Summary

(U//FOUO) The Crime Prevention and Information Center (CPIC) assesses Transnational Criminal Organization (TCO) Tren De Aragua (TdA) will very likely establish a presence in the Chicago, Illinois area to conduct and facilitate illicit activities. This assessment is made with medium confidence based upon reporting from The Chicago Police Department (CPD), The Cook County Sheriff's Office, and reporting from open source outlets.

(U//FOUO) The CPIC made this assessment primarily based upon the assumption that TdA is a TCO entity that will look to engage and grow their criminal operations to new environments. Indicators that support this judgment include reported instances of TdA members having a presence in the Chicago, IL area and engaging in illicit activity. The CPIC attributes this judgment's relevance to the potential impact TdA would have on public safety and Law Enforcement (LE) crime prevention efforts.

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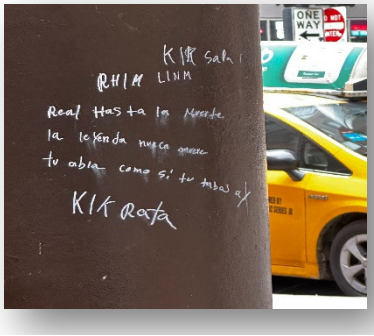
(U//LES) Reporting in this intelligence product was derived from CPD police officers' reports, one Cook County Sheriff report, and open source outlets. The sources deemed most critical to the key analytical judgments included: the CPD police reporting, which possessed direct access based on information acquired during the course of official duties; and a Cook County Sheriff Intelligence report, who acquired the information from two human sources during an interview to assess the TdA presence in the Cook County, IL area. The reporting from open source outlets provided context regarding TdA's active presence in the Chicago, IL area.

(U//FOUO) The reporting occurred between 15 May 2023 and 10 November 2023. The reporting was current as of 14 November 2023.

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(U//FOUO) The CPIC assesses TdA will very likely establish a presence in the Chicago, IL area to conduct and facilitate illicit activities. This assessment is based on multiple law enforcement reports and open source outlets identifying TdA's presence within the Chicago, IL area.

- (U//LES) October 2023, CPD reported that the words "Real Hasta La Muerte" were written in graffiti on a city light pole, which has been reported as being vocabulary used by TdA members.[i]



(U) Source: Chicago Police Dept.

- (U//LES) September 2023, Cook County Sheriff's Office reported that members of TdA have expanded to Chicago and other US states.[ii]

- (U//LES) November 2023, CPD analysis reported that numerous arrestees were observed with tattoos associated with TdA.[iii]



(U) Source: Chicago Police Dept.

- (U//FOUO) November 2023, numerous social media postings displayed individuals claiming membership to TdA and currently being in Chicago. [iv][v]



(U) Source: twitter.com

(U) Perspective

(U//LES) As of August 2022, it was reported TdA membership to be between 2,500 to 3,000. However, more recent reporting indicates those numbers to be closer to 4,000. TdA members have been reported to be present in Chicago and other states including New York and Florida. Furthermore, TdA has been linked to several types of criminal activity including forced prostitution, narcotics, retail theft and armed robberies that are conducted with a large number of offenders.[vivii]

(U) Outlook

(U//LES) The CPIC assesses that over the next 6 to 12 months, TdA will engage in forced prostitution, drug trafficking, retail theft and armed robbery in order to establish a financial backing, with intentions on expanding their influence and criminal activity within the Chicago, IL area. Indicators that would further collaborate this assessment and drive the likelihood of TdA's expanding footprint would include reported instances of encounters experienced by the general public, law enforcement and Chicago area street gangs.

(U) Intelligence Gaps

- Will TdA's continued presence within the Chicago, IL area create conflict and potential acts of violence with Chicago based street gangs?
- What alliances might be formed with Chicago based street gangs and TdA?
- What recruitment methods might be utilized to bolster TdA membership within the Chicago, IL area and nationally?
- What avenues may members of TdA take to obtain and possess firearms?
- What new, emerging or additional criminal activities might TdA adopt to solidify their criminal organization within the Chicago, IL area and nationally?

(U) Appendix A: Expressions of Likelihood (or Probability)

(U) Phrases such as "the CPIC judges" and "the CPIC assesses," and terms such as "likely" and "probably" convey analytical judgments and assessments. The chart approximates how expressions of likelihood and probability correlate with percentages of chance.

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Terms of Likelihood	**Almost No Chance**	**Very Unlikely**	**Unlikely**	**Roughly Even Chance**	**Likely**	**Very Likely**	**Almost Certain(ly)**
Terms of Probability	**Remote**	**Highly Improbable**	**Improbable (Improbably)**	**Roughly Even Odds**	**Probable (Probably)**	**Highly Probable**	**Nearly Certain**
	1-5%	**5-20%**	**20-45%**	**45-55%**	**55-80%**	**80-95%**	**95-99%**

(U) Unless otherwise stated, the Crime Prevention and Information Center does not derive judgments via statistical analysis.

(U) Appendix B: Confidence in Sources Supporting Assessments and Judgments

(U) Confidence levels reflect the quality and quantity of the source information supporting judgment. Consequently, the CPIC ascribes high, medium, or low levels of confidence to assessments, as follows:

(U) **High confidence** generally indicates the CPIC's judgments are based on high quality information, from multiple sources. High confidence in a judgment does not imply the assessment is a fact or a certainty; such judgments might be wrong. While additional reporting and information sources may change analytical judgments, such changes are most likely to be refinements and not substantial in nature.

(U) **Medium confidence** generally means the information is credibly sourced and plausible but not of sufficient quality or corroborated sufficiently to warrant a higher level of confidence. Additional reporting or information sources have the potential to increase the CPIC's confidence levels or substantively change analytical judgments.

(U) **Low confidence** generally means the information's credibility or plausibility is uncertain, the information is too fragmented or poorly corroborated to make solid analytic inferences, or the reliability of the sources is questionable. Absent additional reporting or information sources, analytical judgments should be considered preliminary in nature.

(U) Endnotes

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[i] (U//LES) CPD | Information Bulletin Alert| 2023-INF-[REDACTED] | 23 October 2023. UNCLASSIFIED//LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE. Source is a law enforcement agency, CPD.
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[iii] 7 (U//LES) CPD | Data Warehouse Search | 17 October 2023 | UNCLASSIFIED//LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE. Source was a CPD Officer who acquired the information from a law enforcement database.
[iv] (U) Online Social Media | Twitter | 15 May 2023 | https://twitter.com/Arcane_1204/status/1658278620748496896| accessed 15 October 2023.
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[vi] (U) Online Information Website | Wikipedia | 29 October 2023 | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tren_de_Aragua| accessed on 03 November 2023.
[vii] (U) Online news article | Voz Media | 22 September 2023 | https://voz.us/what-is-tren-de-aragua-the-venezuelan-criminal-gang-that-has-expanded-throughout-south-america/?lang=en| accessed on 20 October 2023.

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NEWS RELEASE

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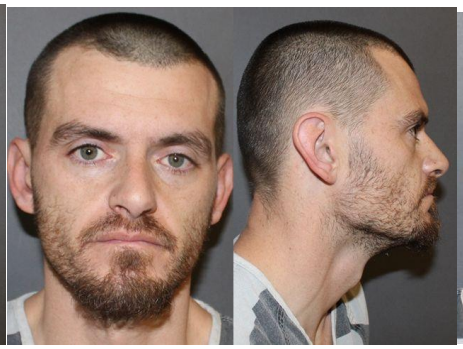
Date: January 27, 2024
Time: 7:25 PM

Title: Christopher Brown Arrested on Multiple Felony Warrants

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GARFIELD COUNTY, CO. –


Christopher Brown


Joshua Brooks


Monique Contreras

Garfield County SPEAR (Special Problem Enforcement and Response) Task Force along with the Garfield County All Hazards Response Team (AHRT) executed a search warrant at 84 Silver Plume Dr. Parachute, CO. on Thursday January 25, 2024. Investigators were attempting to locate Christopher Brown who had multiple felony warrants for his arrest.

Christopher Brown was located hiding under the residence and taken into custody. Monique Contreras was arrested for a City of Rifle warrant and aiding Christopher Brown. Joshua Brooks was arrested for aiding Christopher Brown as well.

During the search Investigators discovered a large amount of stolen items as well as methamphetamine and a firearm. The estimated value of the stolen property is approximately $30,000.00. At this time the stolen property has been returned to its rightful owner.

Further arrests are expected from this investigation.

Spear will continue to focus on criminals that cause the most community harm in Garfield County.

SPEAR was assisted by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the District Attorney's Office of the ninth Judicial District and the Garfield County Emergency Communication Authority.

SPEAR is a multi-jurisdictional task force based out of the Garfield County area. Anyone with information on criminal activity is encouraged to call SPEAR at (970) 945-0453 or contact your local law enforcement agency.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Any questions please contact SPEAR Board Chairman, Sheriff Lou Vallario at (970) 945-0453.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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Date: April 4, 2024
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Title: Human Remains Found Near Rifle Lead to Arrests of Four Individuals

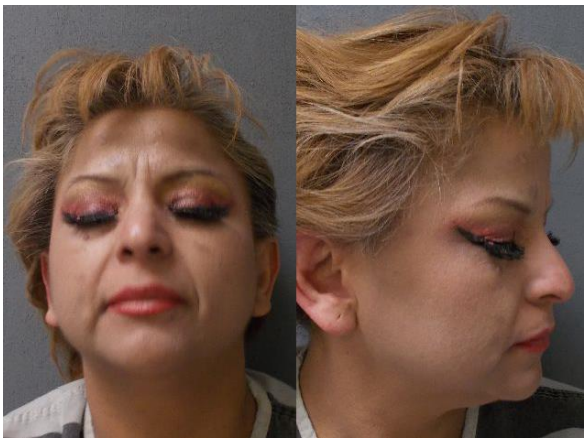
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GARFIELD COUNTY, CO. –

On December 26, 2023, law enforcement officers along with members of the Garfield County Search and Rescue performed a grid search in an area near Fravert Reservoir off County Road 244. They were searching for a body of a missing person based on multiple tips they had received. The remains, later identified as those of Raul Perez, DOB: 05/17/1980, were discovered following a search of approximately two hours.

The Garfield County Coroner was called to the scene to recover the body. Information obtained indicated that the body had been left there since mid-summer. The investigation continued as a homicide investigation. After weeks of investigation, warrants were filed on April 2, 2024, for four people associated with this incident. All four are currently in custody.


Angel Luis Cosme-Marquez


Manuela Zapata-Castillo



Phillip Allen Johnson



Joseph Patrick Moffat

Charges on the warrants included:

Angel Luis Cosme-Marquez, DOB: 06/09/1969: Bail set at $1,000,000.00 cash only for:

1) MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, 18-3-102(1)(a), C.R.S., F1
2) CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, 18-3-102(1)(a);18-2-201, C.R.S., F2
3) DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - FENTANYL, 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(D), C.R.S., DF2
4) SPECIAL OFFENDER-DEADLY WEAPON, C.R.S. 18-18-407(1)(D)(I) (DF1)
5) CONSPIRACY - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - FENTANYL, 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(D), C.R.S., DF2
6) TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY, 18-8-610.5, C.R.S., F3
7) CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY, 18-8-610.5;18-2-201, C.R.S., F4
8) CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY, 18-8-610.5;18-2-201, C.R.S., F4
9) CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY, 18-8-610.5;18-2-201, C.R.S., F4
10) TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, 18-8-610(1)(a),(3)(a), C.R.S., F6

Manuela Zapata-Castillo, DOB: 06/18/1981: Bail set at $500,000.00 cash only for:

1) CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, 18-3-102(1)(a);18-2-201, C.R.S., F2
2) DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - FENTANYL, 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(D), C.R.S., DF2
3) SPECIAL OFFENDER-DEADLY WEAPON, 18-18-407(1)(D)(I)
4) CONSPIRACY - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - FENTANYL, 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(D), C.R.S., DF2
5) CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY, 18-8-610.5;18-2-201, C.R.S., F4
6) ACCESSORY TO CRIME, 18-8-105(1),(3), C.R.S., F4
7) CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY, 18-8-610.5;18-2-201, C.R.S., F4
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10) TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, 18-8-610(1)(a),(3)(a), C.R.S., F6

Phillip Allen Johnson, DOB: 01/21/1996: Bail set at $50,000.00 cash only for:

1) TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY, 18-8-610.5, C.R.S., F3
2) ACCESSORY TO CRIME, 18-8-105(1),(3), C.R.S., F4
3) CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY, 18-8-610.5;18-2-201, C.R.S., F4
4) CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY, 18-8-610.5;18-2-201, C.R.S., F4
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6) TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, 18-8-610(1)(a),(3)(a), C.R.S., F6

Joseph Patrick Moffat, DOB: 09/26/1985: Bail set at $50,000.00 cash only for:

1) TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY, 18-8-610.5, C.R.S., F3
2) ACCESSORY TO CRIME, 18-8-105(1),(3), C.R.S., F4
3) CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY, 18-8-610.5;18-2-201, C.R.S., F4
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6) TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, 18-8-610(1)(a),(3)(a), C.R.S., F6

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following agencies for their cooperation in this investigation. Garfield County SPEAR (Special Problems Enforcement Task Force), the Eagle County GRANITE (Gore Range Narcotic Interdiction Team) Drug Task Force, the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, the Eagle County Sheriff's Office, the Rifle Police Department, the Glenwood Springs Police Department, Garfield County Search and Rescue, The Garfield County Victim Response Team, the Garfield County Coroner's Office and the 9th Judicial District Attorney's Office for their collaborative efforts in making this investigation a success

All persons accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

No additional information will be released.

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February 7, 2025

Sanctuary Policies and the Sheriff of Garfield County

Because of the change in the White House, immigration concerns have come to the forefront in our country. While there will continue be a lot of movement and changes, I want to clarify my role in immigration matters as the Garfield County Sheriff.

In March of 2024, the Garfield County BOCC addressed sanctuary policies by declaring that Garfield County is not a sanctuary county. This was partially intended to address a national organization that wrongfully lists on their website Garfield County, and specifically the Sheriff's Office, as sanctuary organizations. Their concern with me as the Sheriff was that because we do not (cannot) hold illegal migrants for ICE, we are therefore a sanctuary organization. Cooperation with ICE is the catalyst for this and I want to make it clear that I work with ALL law enforcement agencies, from local to international, to the degree I legally can.

I say "legally" because the Colorado Legislature has enacted several laws limiting my ability to work with ICE. Further, several federal lawsuits across the country have decided that with no 'criminal' charges (ICE holds are almost always 'administrative/civil' matters), people cannot be held in jail against their will. There is clearly an argument to be made that crossing our borders illegally is a crime, but it is a federal crime and the Department of Homeland Security is the agency to manage that.

So, what authority do I have as a Sheriff to enforce federal laws? None. I do not, nor do any Colorado state and local law enforcement officers have federal immigration authority. We are limited to enforcing state and local crimes. My authority as a Law Enforcement Officer comes from the State of Colorado, not the federal government.

Colorado law requires that when an inmate is no longer being held on criminal charges by completing their sentence, bonding out, or being released by the courts on a Personal Recognizance Bond, I must release them within six hours. Their administrative status under federal law is not a consideration. However, local ICE agents review our public jail website that shows the status of everyone in jail. If ICE has an interest in detaining one, or more of them because of the seriousness of their crimes, they notify the jail and ask that we let them know when that person of interest is going to be released, and we do. It is up to ICE to provide the resources to pick them up after they are released. Regardless, I cannot unnecessarily delay anyone's release and must comply with the six hour rule. On the other hand, if their status is criminal and is accompanied with a warrant signed by a federal Magistrate or Judge, they can be detained. This applies to all of the three letter federal agencies.

The other concern that is being questioned is the law that prohibits a CIVIL arrest in the area of a Courthouse. It can be found in the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) under 13-1-403/404. It is a generic application to all Law Enforcement agencies, although it is clearly directed towards ICE.

Basically, it prohibits a civil arrest (administrative or civil infraction) from being enforced while the subject is in, or around a courthouse for a court proceeding. This is incredibly confusing because I have no idea how to arrest someone for a civil violation! The example might be where you are charged with a traffic "infraction". That violation is NOT a criminal violation, but a civil matter. You cannot be thrown in jail for an infraction. The remedies are managed in other ways such as license suspension, etc.

In the case of this specific Courthouse law, since it is not a criminal offense, Law Enforcement has no authority to take any action. If an Officer or Agent does violate this, they can be sued, the courts can order a Contempt violation, etc, but they cannot be charged with a criminal offense. Ironically, if an Agent were to violate this statute and I arrested them "civilly", I would also be violating the statute by civilly arresting someone in the Courthouse!

Finally, and let me be clear, I will support ANY other law enforcement agency when requested, as an 'agency assist' for the best interest of public safety. There are no laws preventing me from supporting another law enforcement agency and I will always do so when asked.

The concerns of illegal immigration and sanctuary practices are not going away. However, I wanted to make it clear what my role as the Garfield County Sheriff is in this complex issue.

Lou Vallario
Garfield County Sheriff

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BILL TOPIC: Proper Governmental Conduct to Protect Residents
DEADLINES: File by: 2/21/2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING MEASURES TO ENSURE PROPER GOVERNMENTAL CONDUCT TO PROTECT COLORADO RESIDENTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROHIBITING A COURT OFFICIAL FROM DISCLOSING OR THREATENING TO DISCLOSE A PERSON'S INFORMATION TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS; REPEALING AFFIDAVIT REQUIREMENTS REGARDING A PERSON'S LAWFUL PRESENCE; REQUIRING A JAIL CUSTODIAN TO RELEASE A DEFENDANT SOONER IF BOND CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED; EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR A REMEDY FOR AN IMPROPERLY ENTERED GUILTY PLEA; REQUIRING A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT PARTICIPATES IN A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE TO REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE;

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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EXPANDING MEASURES TO PROTECT PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION KEPT BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; PROTECTING FACILITIES OR PROPERTY OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, AND HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES; EXPANDING MEASURES THAT LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICIALS WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT; AND RESTRICTING GOVERNMENTAL IMMIGRATION DETENTION AGREEMENTS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill prohibits a court, an attorney, an eligible law student intern, or a licensed legal professional from notifying or threatening to notify federal immigration authorities about a person or providing or threatening to provide to federal immigration authorities personal identifying information about a person. A violation of the prohibition is grounds for a report to the respective regulatory authority.

Under current law, a person who does not have lawful immigration status must submit an affidavit stating that they have either applied for lawful presence or will apply for lawful presence as soon as they are eligible when the person is applying for:

- In-state student tuition classification; or
- An identification document pursuant to the "Colorado Road and Community Safety Act".

The bill repeals these affidavit requirements.

Under current law, a jail custodian is generally required to release a defendant within 6 hours after the defendant has been granted a personal recognizance bond or is prepared to post bond. The bill prohibits the jail custodian from delaying a defendant's release for the purpose of an immigration enforcement operation.

Under current law, a criminal defendant may petition a court to vacate a guilty plea to a class 1 or class 2 misdemeanor or a municipal offense if the criminal defendant alleges that:

- They were not adequately advised by defense counsel of adverse immigration consequences of a guilty plea;

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- They did not knowingly, intelligently, or voluntarily waive the right to counsel when the criminal defendant was not advised that the right to counsel includes the right to be advised regarding immigration consequences of a guilty plea; or
- The guilty plea was constitutionally infirm.

The bill extends the ability to petition a court to vacate a guilty plea to class 3 misdemeanors, traffic misdemeanors, and petty offenses.

The bill requires a law enforcement agency that participates in a multijurisdictional or coordinated investigation or task force to submit an annual report to the division of criminal justice in the department of public safety (division) concerning the investigation or task force. The division is required to submit an annual report to the judiciary committees of the house of representatives and the senate concerning this information.

Under current law, state agencies and state agencies' employees are:

- Required to comply with provisions that limit the disclosure, collection, and access to a person's personal identifying information;
- Required to annually report certain information concerning requests made for a person's personal identifying information; and
- Subject to a civil penalty for an intentional violation of the requirements.

The bill:

- Extends these requirements concerning a person's personal identifying information to political subdivisions and their employees;
- States that if any federal law, including the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974", commonly known as "FERPA", is repealed or amended to require the disclosure of education records or any personal identifying information about a student or their relative, then public schools and public institutions of higher education are required to comply with certain requirements concerning a person's personal identifying information; and
- Creates a civil action that makes a political subdivision employee who intentionally violates a requirement concerning a person's personal identifying information liable to the injured party and exempts the civil action from statutory or qualified immunity.

The bill creates minimum requirements for child care centers, public schools, local education providers, public institutions of higher education, or health-care facilities concerning access to their facilities or

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property and creates a civil penalty for an intentional violation of the requirements. An employee who intentionally violates a requirement is subject to a civil action, and the civil action is exempt from statutory or qualified immunity.

Under current law, a peace officer who is employed by the Colorado state patrol, a municipal police department, a town marshal's office, or a county sheriff's office is prohibited from arresting or detaining an individual on the basis of a civil immigration detainer request. The bill:

- Extends the prohibition to a peace officer designated by the state as a peace officer; and
- Applies the prohibition to a civil immigration detainer rather than a civil immigration detainer request.

Under current law, a probation officer or probation department employee is prohibited from providing personal information about an individual to federal immigration authorities. The bill extends this prohibition to a pretrial officer or pretrial services office employee.

The bill prohibits a peace officer from participating in, cooperating with, assisting in, or facilitating a federal, multijurisdictional, or coordinated immigration enforcement operation unless required by a federal order.

The bill prohibits a peace officer or employee or agent of a detention facility from allowing federal immigration authorities access to a part of the detention facility that is not accessible to the public, unless required by a federal warrant or writ to transfer an inmate to or from federal custody.

Under current law, certain governmental entities are limited in contracting concerning immigration detention agreements, which are contracts for payment to a governmental entity to detain an individual for federal civil immigration purposes. The bill removes the condition that the contract is for payment.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. The general assembly finds and declares that:

(1) The fourth amendment of the United States constitution guarantees individuals the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures, and requires that any warrant must be supported by probable cause. Additionally, section 7 or article II of the Colorado constitution

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addresses the security of persons and their property.

(2) The fifth amendment of the United States constitution guarantees due process of law, ensuring that individuals must not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without fair and proper legal proceedings. Additionally, section 25 of article II of the Colorado constitution also guarantees the right to due process.

(3) The tenth amendment of the United States constitution affirms the principle of federalism, which reserves for the states or the people the powers that are not delegated to the federal government by the United States constitution.

(4) Federal immigration enforcement must respect the constitutional rights of all individuals within the United States, regardless of their immigration status, as established through constitutional principles and case law.

(5) Cooperative arrangements between federal immigration agencies and state and local governments must not infringe upon the constitutional rights of individuals or utilize state and local resources for federal immigration enforcement.

(6) Therefore, the intent of this legislation is to ensure that federal immigration enforcement activities are conducted in full compliance with the fourth, fifth, sixth, and fourteenth amendments of the United States constitution and sections 6, 7, and 25 of article II of the Colorado constitution, to ensure the autonomy of Colorado and its local governments in accordance with the tenth amendment of the United States constitution, for the purpose of determining the extent of our participation in federal immigration enforcement.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-1-114, **add** (1.5)

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as follows:

13-1-114. Powers of court. (1.5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION OR ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A COURT SHALL NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, NOTIFY OR THREATEN TO NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT A PERSON OR PROVIDE OR THREATEN TO PROVIDE TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-102, ABOUT A PERSON.

(b) A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION IS GROUNDS FOR A REQUEST FOR EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5.3 OF THIS TITLE 13.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-93-116 as follows:

13-93-116. Notification or threatening notification of federal enforcement officials prohibited. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, AN ATTORNEY SHALL NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, NOTIFY OR THREATEN TO NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT A PERSON OR PROVIDE OR THREATEN TO PROVIDE TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-102, ABOUT A PERSON.

(2) A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS GROUNDS FOR FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY REGULATION COUNSEL.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-93-207 as follows:

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13-93-207. Notification or threatening notification of federal enforcement officials prohibited. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, AN ELIGIBLE LAW STUDENT INTERN SHALL NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, NOTIFY OR THREATEN TO NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT A PERSON OR PROVIDE OR THREATEN TO PROVIDE TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-102, ABOUT A PERSON.

(2) A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS GROUNDS FOR FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY REGULATION COUNSEL CONCERNING THE ELIGIBLE LAW STUDENT INTERN'S SUPERVISING LAWYER.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-93-315 as follows:

13-93-315. Notification or threatening notification of federal enforcement officials prohibited. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A LICENSED LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SHALL NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, NOTIFY OR THREATEN TO NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT A PERSON OR PROVIDE OR THREATEN TO PROVIDE TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-102, ABOUT A PERSON.

(2) A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS GROUNDS FOR FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY REGULATION COUNSEL.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-7-110, **amend** (2) and (4) as follows:

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23-7-110. Tuition classification of students who successfully complete high school or a high school equivalency examination in Colorado. (2) ~~(a) In addition to satisfying the requirements set forth in subsection (1) of this section, a student seeking tuition classification as an in-state student pursuant to this section who does not have lawful immigration status must submit an affidavit to the institution to which the student is admitted, stating that the student has applied for lawful presence or will apply as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.~~

~~(b) The institution shall not count a student described in subsection (2)(a) of this section as a resident for any purpose other than tuition classification and the purpose described in subsection (2.5) of this section; except that the student~~ A STUDENT SEEKING TUITION CLASSIFICATION AS AN IN-STATE STUDENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION WHO DOES NOT HAVE LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS is eligible for the college opportunity fund program pursuant to the provisions of part 2 of article 18 of this title 23 and state student financial assistance pursuant to article 3.3 of this title 23, upon confirmation of the student's uniquely identifying student number provided by the local education provider where the student graduated from high school or successfully completed a high school equivalency examination, as defined in section 22-33-102 (8.5), and may be eligible for institutional or other private financial aid programs.

(4) Any information provided to satisfy the criteria specified in this section ~~shall be~~ IS confidential unless disclosure is explicitly required by law. ~~An institution that receives an affidavit described in subsection (2) of this section shall treat the affidavit as an education record of the student under the provisions of the federal "Family Educational Rights~~

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~~and Privacy Act of 1974", 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g.~~

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-505, **repeal** (1)(d) as follows:

42-2-505. Identification documents - individuals not lawfully present - rules. (1) **Documents issued.** An individual who is not lawfully present in the United States may apply for an identification document in accordance with this part 5. The department shall issue an identification document to an applicant who:

(d) ~~Affirms in an affidavit signed by the applicant that the applicant has applied to be lawfully present within the United States or will apply to be lawfully present as soon as the applicant is eligible; and~~

SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-4-102, **add** (2)(e.5) as follows:

16-4-102. Right to bail - before conviction - definition. (2) __ (e.5) (I) THE CUSTODIAN OF A JAIL SHALL NOT DELAY A DEFENDANT'S RELEASE FROM CUSTODY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION.

(II) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e.5), "IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-76.6-101.

SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1-410.6, **amend** (2), (3)(a)(I), (3)(a)(II), and (4) introductory portion; and **add** (3)(a)(III) as follows:

18-1-410.6. Relief from improperly entered guilty pleas for certain misdemeanor and municipal offenses - legislative declaration. (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that noncitizen defendants must have the opportunity to meaningfully challenge an

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unconstitutionally entered guilty plea for certain class 1 misdemeanors, class 2 misdemeanors, CLASS 3 MISDEMEANORS, TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS, PETTY OFFENSES, and municipal offenses.

(3) (a) Notwithstanding a limitation contained in section 16-5-402, a municipal ordinance, or a municipal court rule of procedure, at any time following the entry of a guilty plea, a criminal defendant may challenge the guilty plea on the grounds set forth in subsection (4) of this section to a:

(I) Class 1, ~~or~~ class 2, OR CLASS 3 misdemeanor that is not defined in section 24-4.1-302 (1); ~~or title 42 and committed before March 1, 2022; or~~

(II) Municipal offense that is not substantially similar to an offense defined in section 24-4.1-302 (1); ~~or title 42 and committed before March 1, 2022;~~

(III) A TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR; OR

(IV) A PETTY OFFENSE.

(4) A defendant moving to vacate a guilty plea to a class 1, ~~or~~ class 2, OR CLASS 3 misdemeanor; A TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR; A PETTY OFFENSE; or a municipal offense, must, in good faith, allege the following:

SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-903, **amend** (1), (3), and (5); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

24-31-903. Division of criminal justice report. (1) ~~Beginning July 1, 2023, the~~ THE division of criminal justice in the department of public safety shall create an annual report including all of the information that is reported to the division pursuant to subsection (2) AND (2.5) of this section, aggregated and ~~broken down~~ DISAGGREGATED by the law

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enforcement agency that employs peace officers, along with the underlying data.

(2.5) (a) ON OR BEFORE JULY 15, 2025, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT PARTICIPATES IN A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE, OR THAT DEDICATES PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE, SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THE REPORT MUST CONTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING EACH MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE REPORT SUBMISSION:

(I) THE PURPOSE OF THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO;

(II) EACH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT PARTICIPATED IN, OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO, THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO;

(III) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AS A RESULT OF THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO; AND

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(IV) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE DETAINED FOR IMMIGRATION PURPOSES OR CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS FOR OFFENSES RELATED TO AN INDIVIDUAL'S IMMIGRATION STATUS AS A RESULT OF THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO.

(b) (I) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, CONCERNING THE INFORMATION RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

(c) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.5), UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 16-2.5-402.

(3) The Colorado state patrol and local law enforcement agencies PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.5) OF THIS SECTION, shall not report the name, address, social security number, or other unique personal identifying information of the subject of the use of force, victim of the official misconduct, eyewitness or subject in a showup, or persons contacted, searched, or subjected to a property seizure. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the data reported pursuant to this

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section is available to the public pursuant to subsection (4) of this section.

(5) (a) The Colorado state patrol, ~~and any~~ A local law enforcement agency, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY that fails to meet its reporting requirements pursuant to this section is:

~~(a)~~ (I) Subject to the suspension of its funding by its appropriating authority; and

~~(b)~~ (II) Unless the Colorado state patrol, ~~or~~ local law enforcement agency, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY is working with the division of criminal justice to meet its reporting requirements pursuant to this section, not eligible to be awarded grants under the multidisciplinary crime prevention grant program in section 24-33.5-527, the law enforcement workforce recruitment, retention, and tuition grant program in section 24-33.5-528, or the state's mission for assistance in recruiting and training (SMART) policing grant program in section 24-33.5-529.

(b) IN ADDITION TO PENALTIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INTENTIONALLY FAILS TO DISCLOSE A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN, OR A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION.

SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-101, **amend** (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), and (1)(e) as follows:

24-74-101. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

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(a) State agencies AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS increasingly collect residents' personal information to be able to provide a variety of services, including education, health care, financial assistance, and regulatory and enforcement activities designed to ensure the safety of Colorado residents;

(b) Colorado residents have a reasonable expectation that state agencies AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS will not disclose this information with outside actors for unintended purposes;

(d) All Coloradans should feel welcome to ~~be the recipients of state~~ RECEIVE STATE AND LOCAL services without fear of abuse of their privacy or data;

(e) Any role that a state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION plays in enforcing federal immigration laws can undermine public trust and deter persons from accessing these services offered by state agencies AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS;

SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-102, **amend** (3), (4), and (5); and **add** (1.5), (1.6), and (1.8) as follows:

24-74-102. Definitions. As used in this article 74, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1.5) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A GOVERNING SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, INCLUDING A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR SPECIAL DISTRICT; A BOARD, COMMISSION, INSTITUTION, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; OR AN ENTITY THAT CONTRACTS WITH A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR A BOARD, COMMISSION, INSTITUTION, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

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(1.6) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE" MEANS A PERSON IN THE SERVICE OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHILE ACTING IN THE PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY. "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED AND WHETHER FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARY. "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE" ALSO INCLUDES AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHEN ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

(1.8) "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102, LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE, OR AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(3) "State agency" means ~~a department of the executive branch of state government, including any division, office, agency, or other unit created within a department or the governor's office, including institutions of higher education and the Colorado commission on higher education~~ A DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ANY DIVISION, OFFICE, AGENCY, OR OTHER UNIT CREATED WITHIN A DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE; A BOARD, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, BUREAU, INSTITUTION, OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE; A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; OR THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

(4) "State agency employee" means ~~every person in the service of a state agency, including all officers and employees whether full-time, part-time, or temporary, and whether classified in or exempt from the state personnel system. "State agency employee" also includes all~~

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~~independent contractors of a state agency, when acting in their capacity as independent contractors for the state agency~~ A PERSON IN THE SERVICE OF A STATE AGENCY WHILE ACTING IN THE PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY. "STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE; WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED; FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARY; AND CLASSIFIED IN OR EXEMPT FROM THE STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM. "STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE" ALSO INCLUDES AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A STATE AGENCY WHEN ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A STATE AGENCY.

(5) "Third party" means ~~any~~ A person or entity, including ~~any~~ A law enforcement officer or agency, that is not a state agency, a state agency employee, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE, or otherwise part of the state government OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-74-103 as follows:

24-74-103. Personal identifying information shared by state agencies or political subdivisions - limitation - responsibilities - state agency or political subdivision employee. A state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE shall not disclose or make accessible, including through a database or automated network, personal identifying information that is not publicly available information, ~~for the purpose of investigating for, participating in, cooperating with, or assisting in federal immigration enforcement, including enforcement of civil immigration laws and 8 U.S.C. sec. 1325 or 1326~~ except as required by federal or state law or as required to comply with a court-issued subpoena, warrant, or

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order.

SECTION 14. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-104, **amend** (1), (2) introductory portion, and (3) as follows:

24-74-104. Reduce personal identifying information collected by governmental entities. (1) ~~Beginning January 1, 2022,~~ A state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE shall not inquire into, or request information or documents to ascertain, a person's immigration status, ~~for the purpose of identifying if the person has complied with federal immigration laws, including civil immigration laws and 8 U.S.C. sec. 1325 or 1326~~ except as required by state or federal law or as necessary to perform state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION duties, or to verify a person's eligibility for a government-funded program for housing or economic development if verification is a necessary condition of the government funding.

(2) ~~Beginning January 1, 2022,~~ A state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION shall not collect the following, except as required by state or federal law or as necessary to perform state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION duties, or to verify a person's eligibility for a government-funded program for housing or economic development if verification is a necessary condition of the government funding:

(3) (a) This section does not apply to INFORMATION IN a database or automated network collecting data or documents that was activated by a state agency on or before December 31, 2021.

(b) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO INFORMATION IN A DATABASE OR AUTOMATED NETWORK COLLECTING DATA OR DOCUMENTS THAT WAS ACTIVATED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025.

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SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-105, **amend** (2) as follows:

24-74-105. Access to state agency or political subdivision records - limitations. (2) The attorney general's office shall create a model certification form and ~~provide it to state agencies within sixty days of June 25, 2021~~ MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO STATE AGENCIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

SECTION 16. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-106, **amend** (1) introductory portion, (1)(a), (2) introductory portion, (2)(d), and (4) as follows:

24-74-106. Record-keeping and reporting - requests for records or information - definition - repeal. (1) ~~For purposes of~~ AS USED IN this section, "request" includes any time a third party, other than a person in interest as defined in section 24-72-202 (4), communicates, whether through written or electronic form, with a state agency, ~~or~~ state agency employee, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE for the purpose of obtaining records or information that includes personal identifying information. "Request" does not include:

(a) A request made ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO the "Colorado Open Records Act", part 2 of article 72 of this title 24, or ~~the "Colorado Criminal Justice Records Act", parts 2 and~~ PART 3 of article 72 of this title 24; except that, for purposes of this section, "request" does include a request made ~~under the~~ PURSUANT TO "Colorado Open Records Act", part 2 of article 72 of this title 24, whether made by telephone or through written or electronic form, if the requester indicates or a state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION employee determines the request is made for the purpose of investigating for, participating in, cooperating with, or

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assisting in federal immigration enforcement, including enforcement of civil immigration laws and 8 U.S.C. sec. 1325 or 1326;

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, ~~beginning January 1, 2022,~~ if a third party makes a request for a record from a state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION and the record contains personal identifying information, the state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION shall retain a written record containing the following information:

(d) The name and title of the state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE who granted or denied the request;

(4) (a) (I) Beginning January 1, 2022, and on a quarterly basis thereafter THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, each state agency shall:

~~(a)~~ (A) Submit to the governor's office of legal counsel the information specified in subsection (2) of this section; and

~~(b)~~ (B) Attest that ~~no request was~~ NONE OF THE REQUESTS WERE granted for any purpose prohibited by this article 74.

(II) THIS SUBSECTION (4)(a) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

(b) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ON A QUARTERLY BASIS THEREAFTER, EACH STATE AGENCY AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL:

(I) SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) ATTEST THAT NONE OF THE REQUESTS WERE GRANTED FOR ANY PURPOSE PROHIBITED BY THIS ARTICLE 74.

SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-74-107 as follows:

24-74-107. Data privacy breaches - civil penalty - civil action. (1) (a) ~~Any~~ A state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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EMPLOYEE who ~~intentionally~~ KNOWINGLY violates ~~the provisions~~ A PROVISION of this article 74 is subject to an injunction and is liable for a civil penalty of not more than fifty thousand dollars for each violation.

(b) ANY CIVIL PENALTY MONEY COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT IT TO THE IMMIGRATION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-3.8-101.

(2) A STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE WHO INTENTIONALLY VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 74 IS LIABLE TO THE INJURED PARTY FOR LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RELIEF OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF.

(3) (a) STATUTORY IMMUNITY AND STATUTORY IMMUNITY ON LIABILITY, DAMAGES, OR ATTORNEY FEES DO NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE "COLORADO GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT", ARTICLE 10 OF THIS TITLE 24, DOES NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(b) QUALIFIED IMMUNITY IS NOT A DEFENSE TO LIABILITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(4) IN ANY ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A COURT SHALL AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS TO A PREVAILING PLAINTIFF. IN ACTIONS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, A COURT SHALL DEEM A PLAINTIFF TO HAVE PREVAILED IF THE PLAINTIFF'S SUIT WAS A SUBSTANTIAL FACTOR OR SIGNIFICANT CATALYST IN OBTAINING THE RESULTS SOUGHT BY THE LITIGATION. WHEN A JUDGMENT IS ENTERED IN FAVOR OF A DEFENDANT, THE COURT MAY AWARD REASONABLE COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES TO THE DEFENDANT FOR DEFENDING ANY CLAIMS THE COURT FINDS FRIVOLOUS.

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(5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL INDEMNIFY ITS EMPLOYEES FOR A LIABILITY INCURRED BY THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE AND FOR A JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT ENTERED AGAINST THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE FOR CLAIMS ARISING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DETERMINES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS THAT THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE DID NOT ACT UPON A GOOD FAITH AND REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THE ACTION WAS LAWFUL, THEN THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT, OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS LESS, AND SHALL NOT BE INDEMNIFIED BY THE STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR EITHER THE FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, IF THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE'S OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE'S PORTION OF THE JUDGMENT IS UNCOLLECTIBLE FROM THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE, THE STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR INSURANCE SHALL SATISFY THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT. A STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DOES NOT HAVE TO INDEMNIFY A STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE IF THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE WAS CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR THE CONDUCT FROM WHICH THE CLAIM ARISES UNLESS THE

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STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WAS A CAUSAL FACTOR IN THE OFFENSE THROUGH ITS ACTION OR INACTION.

(6) A CIVIL ACTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE FILED WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUES.

SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-74-107.5 as follows:

24-74-107.5. Education records. (14) IF ANY FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL "FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. 1232G, OR ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, IS REPEALED OR AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF EDUCATION RECORDS OR ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT A STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF THE STUDENT, TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, THEN SECTIONS 24-74-103 AND 24-74-104 OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-2-402; THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AS DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-80-102; OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22.

SECTION 19. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 74.1 to title 24 as follows:

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Protection of Safe Spaces

24-74.1-101. Definitions. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) "CHILD CARE CENTER" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 26-5-503 AND THAT IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 26.5.

(2) "EMPLOYEE" MEANS A PERSON IN THE SERVICE OF A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY WHILE ACTING IN THE PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY. "EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED AND WHETHER FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARY. "EMPLOYEE" ALSO INCLUDES AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHEN ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY.

(3) "FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS EXECUTING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS IN THE SERVICE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR ANY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, BUREAU, DIVISION, OFFICE, OR UNIT THEREOF, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, OR THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES.

(4) "HEALTH-CARE FACILITY" MEANS A HEALTH FACILITY THAT IS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-103 OR ARTICLE 3

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OF TITLE 25.

(5) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22, A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22, OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22 THAT OPERATES ONE OR MORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(6) "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102; LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE; OR AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(7) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-2-402; THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AS DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-80-102; OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22.

24-74.1-102. Limitation on access to safe spaces - policy. (1) A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HEALTH-CARE FACILITY, OR AN EMPLOYEE THEREOF, SHALL NOT PROVIDE TO A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY:

(a) ANY INFORMATION ABOUT A CHILD OR STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED IN THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL

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EDUCATION PROVIDER, OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A PATIENT WHO SOUGHT, RECEIVED, IS SEEKING, OR IS RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY;

(b) ANY INFORMATION ABOUT A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF A PERSON DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(c) ACCESS TO A PART OF THE CHILD CARE CENTER'S, PUBLIC SCHOOL'S, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S, HEALTH-CARE FACILITY'S FACILITY, AUXILIARY FACILITY, PROPERTY, GROUNDS, OR SURROUNDING AREA THAT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES HAVE A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE OR AN ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE TO ALLOW ACCESS.

(2) (a) NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF HOUSE BILL 25-___, EACH CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND HEALTH-CARE FACILITY SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY THAT ALIGNS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE 74.1. THE POLICY MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

(I) PROCEDURES TO MAINTAIN THE PROTECTION OF INFORMATION AND SPACES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION;

(II) PROCEDURES TO PROPERLY SECURE THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, AND PROCEDURES TO RELEASE INFORMATION THAT IS OTHERWISE PROTECTED IF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HAVE A SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR AN ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE

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TO ALLOW ACCESS;

(III) A COMPREHENSIVE OUTLINE OF EMPLOYEE DUTIES, IN EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND LANGUAGE, INCLUDING PARAMETERS CONCERNING EMPLOYEES' AUTHORITY TO INTERACT WITH OR ASSIST A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR ACCESS, AND INFORMATION CONCERNING TO WHOM AN EMPLOYEE MUST REFER AN FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR ASSISTANCE CONCERNING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR ACCESS;

(IV) INFORMATION THAT MUST BE REQUESTED OF AND DOCUMENTED REGARDING THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY WHO IS REQUESTING INFORMATION OR ACCESS, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, EMPLOYER, BADGE NUMBER, AND THE SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE TO ALLOW ACCESS;

(V) THE MANNER IN WHICH A CHILD, STUDENT, PATIENT, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE THEREOF, MAY ACCESS THE CHILD CARE CENTER'S, PUBLIC SCHOOL'S, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S, HEALTH-CARE FACILITY'S FACILITY, AUXILIARY FACILITY, PROPERTY, GROUNDS, OR SURROUNDING AREA; AND

(VI) THE MANNER IN WHICH INFORMATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED WITH A CHILD, STUDENT, PATIENT, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE THEREOF, CONCERNING A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR ACCESS IN RELATION TO CHILD, STUDENT, PATIENT, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR

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RELATIVE THEREOF.

(b) A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY THAT ADOPTS A POLICY PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL POST ITS POLICY ON ITS WEBSITE.

24-74.1-103. Remedy. (1) (a) A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 74.1 IS SUBJECT TO AN INJUNCTION AND IS LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION.

(b) ANY CIVIL PENALTY COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT IT TO THE IMMIGRATION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-3.8-101.

(2) AN EMPLOYEE WHO INTENTIONALLY VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 74.1 IS LIABLE TO THE INJURED PARTY FOR LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RELIEF OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF.

(3) (a) STATUTORY IMMUNITY AND STATUTORY IMMUNITY ON LIABILITY, DAMAGES, OR ATTORNEY FEES DO NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE "COLORADO GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT", ARTICLE 10 OF THIS TITLE 24, DOES NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(b) QUALIFIED IMMUNITY IS NOT A DEFENSE TO LIABILITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(4) IN AN ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A COURT SHALL AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS TO A PREVAILING

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PLAINTIFF. IN ACTIONS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, A COURT SHALL DEEM A PLAINTIFF TO HAVE PREVAILED IF THE PLAINTIFF'S SUIT WAS A SUBSTANTIAL FACTOR OR SIGNIFICANT CATALYST IN OBTAINING THE RESULTS SOUGHT BY THE LITIGATION. WHEN A JUDGMENT IS ENTERED IN FAVOR OF A DEFENDANT, THE COURT MAY AWARD REASONABLE COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES TO THE DEFENDANT FOR DEFENDING CLAIMS THE COURT FINDS FRIVOLOUS.

(5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY SHALL INDEMNIFY ITS EMPLOYEES FOR A LIABILITY INCURRED BY THE EMPLOYEE AND FOR A JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT ENTERED AGAINST THE EMPLOYEE FOR CLAIMS ARISING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY DETERMINES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS THAT THE EMPLOYEE DID NOT ACT UPON A GOOD FAITH AND REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THE ACTION WAS LAWFUL, THEN THE EMPLOYEE IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT, OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS LESS, AND SHALL NOT BE INDEMNIFIED BY THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY FOR EITHER THE FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER THE EMPLOYEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, IF THE EMPLOYEE'S PORTION OF THE JUDGMENT IS UNCOLLECTIBLE FROM THE EMPLOYEE, THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC

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SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY OR INSURANCE SHALL SATISFY THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT. A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY DOES NOT HAVE TO INDEMNIFY AN EMPLOYEE IF THE EMPLOYEE WAS CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR THE CONDUCT FROM WHICH THE CLAIM ARISES UNLESS THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY WAS A CAUSAL FACTOR IN THE OFFENSE THROUGH ITS ACTION OR INACTION.

(6) A CIVIL ACTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE FILED WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUES.

SECTION 20. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-101, **amend** (1)(i)(XXII), (1)(i)(XXIII), and (1)(m); and **add** (1)(i)(XXIV) and (1)(i)(XXV) as follows:

24-31-101. Powers and duties of attorney general. (1) The attorney general:

(i) May independently initiate and bring civil and criminal actions to enforce state laws, including actions brought pursuant to:

(XXII) Part 14 of article 12 of title 38; ~~and~~

(XXIII) Section 24-34-806;

(XXIV) SECTION 24-74-107; AND

(XXV) SECTION 24-74.1-103.

(m) Upon request of ~~any~~ AN employee in the state personnel system, shall represent ~~such~~ THE employee in ~~any~~ A civil action or administrative proceeding instituted against ~~such~~ THE employee, either in

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the employee's official or individual capacity if the action or proceeding arises out of performance of the employee's official duties as determined by the attorney general and if the action or proceeding has not been brought by the state personnel director or the appointing authority of the employee seeking dismissal or other disciplinary action; except that the attorney general shall not represent ~~any such~~ THE employee in an action brought ~~under section 24-50.5-105~~ PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-50.5-105, 24-74-107, OR 24-74.1-103;

SECTION 21. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.6-101, **amend** (1) and (3); and **add** (1.5), (2.3), and (2.7) as follows:

24-76.6-101. Definitions. As used in this article 76.6, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Civil immigration detainer" means a ~~written~~ request issued by federal immigration enforcement authorities ~~pursuant to 8 CFR 287.7~~ to law enforcement officers TO ARREST OR DETAIN AN INDIVIDUAL OR to maintain custody of an individual beyond the time when the individual is eligible for release from custody, including ~~any~~ A request for law enforcement agency action, warrant for arrest of alien, order to detain or release alien, or warrant of ~~removal/deportation~~ REMOVAL OR DEPORTATION on ~~any~~ A form promulgated by federal immigration enforcement authorities.

(1.5) "DETENTION FACILITY" MEANS A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-1-102; PRIVATE CONTRACT PRISON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-1-102; LOCAL JAIL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-1-102; MULTIJURISDICTIONAL JAIL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-26.5-101; OR MUNICIPAL JAIL, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 31-15-401 (1)(j).

(2.3) "GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET

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FORTH IN SECTION 24-76.7-101.

(2.7) "IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION" MEANS AN OPERATION IN WHICH THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS THE IDENTIFICATION OR APPREHENSION OF A PERSON OR PERSONS TO:

(a) SUBJECT THEM TO CIVIL IMMIGRATION DETENTION, REMOVAL, OR DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS, OR REMOVAL OR DEPORTATION FROM THE UNITED STATES; OR

(b) CRIMINALLY PROSECUTE THEM FOR OFFENSES RELATED TO THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THE OFFENSES MAY INCLUDE VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1253, 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1304 (e), 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1306 (a) or 1306 (b), 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1325, 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1326, 18 U.S.C. SEC. 1028A, OR 18 U.S.C. 1546.

(3) "Law enforcement officer" means a peace officer ~~employed by the Colorado state patrol, a municipal police department, a town marshal's office, or a county sheriff's office~~ DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 2.5 OF TITLE 16, WHILE ACTING IN THE PEACE OFFICER'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY, WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED OR WHETHER EMPLOYED FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARILY.

SECTION 22. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.6-102, **amend** (1)(b), (2), and (5); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

24-76.6-102. Civil immigration detainers - legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(b) Requests ~~for civil immigration detainers~~ TO ARREST OR DETAIN FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT are not warrants under Colorado law. A warrant is a written order by a judge directed to a law enforcement officer commanding the arrest of the person named, as defined in section 16-1-104 (18). None of the ~~civil immigration detainer~~ requests received

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from the federal immigration authorities are reviewed, approved, or signed by a judge as required by Colorado law. The continued detention of an inmate at the request of federal immigration authorities beyond when ~~he or she~~ THE INMATE would otherwise be released constitutes a warrantless arrest, which is unconstitutional, *People v. Burns*, 615 P.2d 686, 688 (Colo. 1980).

(2) A law enforcement officer shall not arrest or detain an individual, OR DENY OR DELAY AN INDIVIDUAL'S RELEASE FROM CUSTODY on the basis of a civil immigration detainer. ~~request.~~

(2.5) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL NOT COMMAND OR REQUEST A PRIVATE CITIZEN TO ASSIST IN THE ARREST OR DETAINMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE BASIS OF A CIVIL IMMIGRATION DETAINER.

(5) (a) EXCEPT AS PROHIBITED IN SECTION 24-76.6-104, nothing in this section precludes ~~any~~ A law enforcement officer from investigating or enforcing ~~any~~ A STATE OR LOCAL criminal law. ~~or from participating in coordinated law enforcement actions with federal law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of local, state, or federal criminal laws.~~

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, COOPERATE WITH, ASSIST IN, OR FACILITATE A FEDERAL, MULTIJURISDICTIONAL, OR COORDINATED IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY A SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR AN ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE.

SECTION 23. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.6-103, **amend** (1) as follows:

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24-76.6-103. Limitations on providing personal information by probation offices. (1) A probation officer, ~~or~~ probation department employee, PRETRIAL OFFICER, OR PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICE EMPLOYEE shall not provide personal information about an individual to federal immigration authorities.

SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-76.6-104 as follows:

24-76.6-104. Limitations on multijurisdictional or coordinated actions. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-76.6-102 (5), A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, COOPERATE WITH, ASSIST IN, OR FACILITATE A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL, COORDINATED ACTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY A SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE.

SECTION 25. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-76.6-105 as follows:

24-76.6-105. Limitation on access in detention facilities. A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OR ANY EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A DETENTION FACILITY, SHALL NOT ALLOW FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ACCESS TO A PART OF THE DETENTION FACILITY THAT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, UNLESS THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HAVE A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE TO ALLOW ACCESS, OR IF THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HAVE A WRIT ISSUED BY A JUDGE CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF AN INMATE TO OR FROM FEDERAL CUSTODY.

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SECTION 26. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.7-101, **amend** (2) as follows:

24-76.7-101. Definitions. As used in this article 76.7, unless the context otherwise requires:

(2) "Immigration detention agreement" means ~~any~~ A contract, including, but not limited to, an intergovernmental service agreement, ~~or portion thereof for payment to~~ WITH a governmental entity to detain individuals for federal civil immigration purposes. For a contract or intergovernmental service agreement that is only in part for the detention of individuals for federal immigration officials, this term only applies to the civil immigration detention portion of the contract.

SECTION 27. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-3.8-101, **amend** (2) as follows:

8-3.8-101. Immigration legal assistance - fund - report - definitions. (2) (a) There is established in the state treasury the immigration legal defense fund. The money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the administrator. Pursuant to subsection (5)(b) of this section, the administrator is authorized to make grants from the fund to qualifying organizations to represent indigent individuals appearing before an immigration court in Colorado who lack private counsel.

(b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ANY CIVIL PENALTY MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-107 OR 24-74.1-103 AND INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF THE CIVIL PENALTY MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE FUND.

SECTION 28. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-123, **add** (14) as follows:

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22-1-123. Protection of student data - parental or legal guardian consent for surveys. (14) IF ANY FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL "FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. 1232G, OR ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, IS REPEALED OR AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF EDUCATION RECORDS OR ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT A STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF THE STUDENT, TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, THEN SECTIONS 24-74-103 AND 24-74-104 APPLY TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT; SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-2-402; THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AS DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-80-102; OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22.

SECTION 29. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-117, **amend** (1)(b)(XI) and (1)(b)(XII); and **add** (1)(b)(XIII) as follows:

22-2-117. Additional power - state board - waiver of requirements - rules. (1) (b) The state board shall not waive any of the requirements specified in any of the following statutory provisions:

(XI) Any provision of section 22-1-145 relating to the use of a student's chosen name, as defined in section 22-1-145 (1), in a public school; ~~or~~

(XII) The wearing of cultural or religious objects at school

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graduation ceremonies pursuant to section 22-1-142.5; OR

(XIII) SECTION 22-1-123 AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74.1 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION SAFE SPACES, AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS APPLICABLE.

SECTION 30. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-104, **amend** (6)(c) introductory portion, (6)(c)(X), and (6)(c)(XI); and **add** (6)(c)(XII) as follows:

22-30.5-104. Charter school - requirements - authority - rules - definitions. (6) (c) A school district, on behalf of a charter school, may apply to the state board for a waiver of a state statute or state rule that is not an automatic waiver. Notwithstanding ~~any provision of~~ this subsection (6), ~~to the contrary,~~ the state board ~~may~~ SHALL not waive ~~any~~ A statute or rule relating to:

(X) Any provision of section 22-1-145 relating to the use of a student's chosen name, as defined in section 22-1-145 (1), in a public school; ~~or~~

(XI) The wearing of cultural or religious objects at school graduation ceremonies pursuant to section 22-1-142.5; OR

(XII) SECTION 22-1-123 AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74.1 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION SAFE SPACES, AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS APPLICABLE.

SECTION 31. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-507, **amend** (7)(b)(X) and (7)(b)(XI); and **add** (7)(b)(XII) as follows:

22-30.5-507. Institute charter school - requirements - authority - rules - definitions. (7) (b) An institute charter school may

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apply to the state board, through the institute, for a waiver of state statutes and state rules that are not automatic waivers. The state board may waive state statutory requirements or rules promulgated by the state board; except that the state board ~~may~~ SHALL not waive any statute or rule relating to:

(X) Any provision of section 22-1-145 relating to the use of a student's chosen name, as defined in section 22-1-145 (1), in a public school; ~~or~~

(XI) The wearing of cultural or religious objects at school graduation ceremonies pursuant to section 22-1-142.5; OR

(XII) SECTION 22-1-123 AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74.1 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION SAFE SPACES, AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS APPLICABLE.

SECTION 32. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-135.5, **amend** (1)(a)(II) and (1)(b)(II) as follows:

22-1-135.5. Nondisclosure agreements - protection of school district, board of cooperative services, and public school employees - definitions. (1) (a) No school district, board of cooperative services, public school, or any department, institution, or agency of a school district, board of cooperative services, or public school shall make it a condition of employment that an employee executes a contract or other form of agreement that prohibits, prevents, or otherwise restricts the employee from disclosing factual circumstances concerning the employee's employment with the school district, board of cooperative services, or public school or any of its departments, institutions, or agencies unless the prohibition or restriction in the contract or agreement

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is necessary to prevent disclosure of:

(II) Data; information, including personal identifying information, as defined in section 24-74-102; ~~(1);~~ or matters that are required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations, the state constitution, state law, state regulations, or state rules, or a court of law or as attorney-client privileged communications, as privileged work product, as communications related to a threatened or pending legal or administrative action, or as materials related to personnel or regulatory investigations by the employer;

(b) Any provision in any contract or agreement that violates subsection (1)(a) of this section is deemed to be against public policy and is unenforceable against an employee unless the provision is intended to prevent disclosure of:

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SECTION 33. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-1-144 as follows:

23-1-144. Protection of student data - definition. (1) IF ANY FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL "FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. 1232G, OR ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, IS REPEALED OR AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF

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EDUCATION RECORDS OR ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT A STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF THE STUDENT, TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, THEN SECTIONS 24-74-103 AND 24-74-104 APPLY TO A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102; LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE; OR AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

SECTION 34. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-50.5-105.5, **amend** (1)(a)(II) and (1)(b)(II) as follows:

24-50.5-105.5. Nondisclosure agreements - protection of state employees - definitions. (1) (a) Neither the state nor any department, institution, or agency of the state shall make it a condition of employment that an employee executes a contract or other form of agreement that prohibits, prevents, or otherwise restricts the employee from disclosing factual circumstances concerning the employee's employment with the state or any of its departments, institutions, or agencies unless the prohibition or restriction in the contract or agreement is necessary to prevent disclosure of:

(II) Data; information, including personal identifying information, as defined in section 24-74-102; ~~(1);~~ or matters that are required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations, the state constitution, state law, state regulations, or state rules, or a court of law or as attorney-client privileged communications, as privileged work product, as communications related to a threatened or pending legal or administrative

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SECTION 35. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-1-1601, **amend** (1)(a)(II) and (1)(b)(II) as follows:

29-1-1601. Nondisclosure agreements - protection of local government employees - definitions. (1) (a) Neither a local government nor a department, institution, or agency of a local government shall make it a condition of employment that an employee executes a contract or other form of agreement that prohibits, prevents, or otherwise restricts the employee from disclosing factual circumstances concerning the employee's employment with the local government or any of its departments, institutions, or agencies unless the prohibition or restriction in the contract or agreement is necessary to prevent disclosure of:

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SECTION 36. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

AHRT Tactical Preoperational Plan

Reporting Officer:	David Mulkey
Address/Location:	321 W. 24th Place Rifle, CO 81601
Type of Operation:	Search Warrant
Weapons:	Likely

Highlights:

- **On August 23, 2024 SPEAR Task Force Officers obtained a search warrant for the residence of 321 W. 24th Place located in the City of Rifle**
- **SPEAR Task Force has conducted numerous controlled purchases of fentanyl from the residence from June 2024 – August 2024**
- **TFO's have observed the residence to be heavily trafficked by known drug users and dealers in the Garfield County Area**

Residents:

- **Kelley Gross – possession of dangerous drugs; traffic infractions; weapons violations in Las Vegas, Nevada (Known drug user), Has conducted a hand to hand deal of Fentanyl with TFC Tyler in the past. Arrest warrant pending for distribution.**
- **Richard Dunning – Possession of dangerous drugs; weapons offenses, has posted pictures on social media handling firearms, has been contacted by TFO's and found in possession of realistic bb gun firearms (Known Drug User)**
- **Jan Ogden – drug possession (Known Drug User)**
- **Julie Ulanowski – drug possession (Known drug user), Arrest warrant pending for distribution**
- **Mikole Ogden – Drug possession (Known drug user)**
- **Jessica Cendoma – theft charges**

Associates:

- **Lester Hays – drug possession, weapon violations; has been involved with selling fentanyl from residence to CI's, Arrest warrant pending for distribution.**

- **Fredric Kinder – drug and theft possession**
- **Zachary Arnel – obstruction, resisting, drug possession**
- **Joseph Moffat – drugs, obstruction, weapons, assaults, TFO obtained information from Rifle PD Officers that Moffat has obtained a handgun and is currently in possession of it**
- **Juan Loya – resisting arrest, obstruction, assaults, drugs**

Information:

This residence is a known drug house were multiple known drug users consume, sell, and purchase fentanyl and methamphetamine. The listed residence are parties TFO's know are currently actively living at the residence. The associates have been observed spending large amount of time at the residence, and frequently couch surf. There is the possibility of up to 10+ people inside the residence at all times.

Prepared by: TFO D. Mulkey

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

Jan 16th, 2024

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

New Business:

Things are moving forward with Edgar pulling Chuck out of retirement. That would give us a K9 back on the team.

US Marshals deputization and where it's at, or not.

We are up on the WIRE!

The latest with lease vehicles from Utah

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

Press Releases and the latest

We have been looking to change our team's website due to it not being very user friendly. We had been looking at Workplace which has been working very well for the RPD, but recently learned Facebook was stopping the service. **UPDATE**: RPD had switched over to Connecteam which is a lot like Workplace. Angela Mills with RPD came over to the office and sat down with Laura and I to give us the nickel version on it. I believe it will be much more user friendly and will be better at pulling in other agencies for the big picture. I am communicating with a gentlemen from Connecteam on the cost of what we would need from the program.

The handling of the RMHIDTA funds/grants will be transferred by the years end. **UPDATE**: We are now going through the Sheriff's Office

Case updates:

TF-24-616

October of 2024 SPEAR TFO's arrested Michael Arnott (DOB: 10/21/1965) at the 9115 CORD 335 outside the town of New Castle, Colorado. Arnott had an active felony warrant for an assault with a deadly weapon out. Arnott was taken into custody and transported the Garfield County Jail.

TF-24-620

October of 2024, SPEAR TFO's stopped a vehicle on County Road 319, outside the City of Rifle, Garfield County, Colorado. Brittany Davis, the vehicles driver was on her way to pick up Anthony Eagle who was leaving the address 7671 County Road 319. Upon further investigation TFO's seized 2.75 grams of heroin, 4.34 grams of cocaine, 7.2 grams of methamphetamine, and 32.77 grams (Approx 348 pills) of fentanyl pills from a sock which was deposited into the vehicle by Eagle. Both parties were taken into custody and a search warrant for the address 7671 County Road 319 was subsequently obtained.

TF-24-628

Earlier this year, the Garfield County Sheriff's Office responded to a drug violation that occurred at 57 Black Sulphur Place, near the Town of Parachute. The violation involved a juvenile who was exposed to methamphetamine. The methamphetamine in the case was associated with Luis Adolfo Garcia, DOB: 08/07/82.

In October, SPEAR conducted a CI only controlled purchase of 28.30 grams TGW of methamphetamine from Garcia.

On 10/18/24 I authored a Pen Register/Trap-and-Trace search warrant for (970) 505-7707, a Verizon Wireless Device, associated with Garcia. The warrant was reviewed and signed by the Honorable Judge Roff. The Trap-and-Trace was initiated on 10/23/24.

TF-24-638

Julie Ulanowski and Mikole Ogden were taken into custody at 321 W. 24th Place in the City of Rifle. Ulanowski had an active warrant for failure to appear on drug charges and Ogden had an warrant for burglary.

TF-24-645

On October 18, 2024, SPEAR TFO's assisted DEA with the seizure of approximately 28,500 Hydrocodone pills in the Bair Ranch Rest area, near mile mark 129 on Interstate 70 in Garfield County from Robert Newman. Newman was the suspect in multiple ongoing DEA investigations for theft of pharmaceuticals from multiple states. After the seizure of the pills, TFO's were advised a Federal Complaint was pending. Several hours later and after medical clearance of Newman, TFO's were informed that the Federal Complaint would be signed the next day, and to release Newman. Newman was released.

TF-24-649

On October 22, 2024, SPEAR contacted Luis Rojo, DOB: 07/25/96 and Toni Morland, DOB: 12/17/97 near the Roadway Inn located at 718 Taughenbaugh Blvd. in the City of Rifle. Both Rojo and Morland were arrested for outstanding warrants. During the arrests, SPEAR seized 176 Fentanyl pills, 1.0 grams TGW of Fentanyl powder, 0.5 grams TGW of heroin and 1.4 grams TGW of methamphetamine.

TF-24-659

WIRE Case

TF-24-671

SPEAR responded to a disturbance at 195 W Carson Cr in Parachute involving Alejandra Torres and her family. Alejandra had a pistol pulled on her by Alexander Nevarez Alicea. Upon contacting Alexander we located a loaded .380 in his waistband with an additional 3 magazines. Alexander was arrested for menacing without further incident.

TF-24-676

SPEAR utilized a CI and purchased 31.48 grams TGW of suspected Methamphetamine and a Palmetto .22 cal pistol from Jose Romo Gallegos in the Rifle Walmart parking lot, this case is still open and ongoing.

TF-24-716

SPEAR conducted another search warrant at the trap house (321 W 24 Pl), this time looking for the body of Richard Dunning, again! After the occupants were told we had a SW for Dunning they quickly offered him up.

TF-24-730

On December 26, 2024 SPEAR TFO's assisted Rifle Police on a traffic stop at the intersection of E 5th St. and McCarron Ave. in the City of Rifle. A K9 free air sniff lead to a probable cause search of the vehicle which yielded 23.54 grams TGW of methamphetamine. The driver, Mario Serna Diaz (DOB: 09/12/2000) was arrested for possession with attempt to distribute a schedule II controlled substance and transported to the Garfield County Jail.

TF-25-002

January 1st of this year, SPEAR was contacted by CSP and Mesa SO, that they had been pursuing a vehicle heading eastbound towards Garfield County. The vehicle had already driven around stop sticks earlier. SPEAR along with GCSO, CSP and Parachute PD set up for the fleeing vehicle. At the 67 SPEAR attempted to pull the vehicle over and again it fled, The vehicle was able to maneuver around 2 additional sets of stop sticks but no the 3rd. The vehicle did come to a stop and the driver Regina Marie Johnson was arrested. She believed the vehicle had been reported as stolen that's why she was running. A SW of the vehicle yielded only a small amount of Methamphetamine.

TF-25-011

January 7th, SPEAR learned about a male by the name of Samuel Vega that has moved to the Rifle area with a Felony warrant for vehicle theft out of Greely. We reached out the Greely after learning Vega has a 23 page rap sheet which included multiple vehicle thefts. Greely warned us that Vega is well known over there and if he's not stealing cars already he will be. We were able to locate Vega's vehicle and arrested him before he was able to get back into his truck.

TF-25-013

On January 8, 2025 at approximately 1000 hours, SPEAR conducted a traffic stop at the 92 mile mark on USHY 6. Two parties Jairo Carrillo Ortega and Victor Guzman were arrested on multiple warrants. 4 firearms (1 conformed stolen out of Mesa so far) and a small amount of narcotics were seized from the traffic stop during a probable cause search. In addition to the dope and guns, a bullet proof vest was also located in the vehicle.

TF-25-014

On January 8, 2025, TFO's conducted a traffic stop and arrested Michael Sheridan, who is being investigated by Rifle PD for possession of child pornography. Michael had an extraditable warrant for violating his federal parole for child pornography. Michael was taken into custody without resistance and housed in the Garfield County Jail.

In addition, SPEAR has continued to go after numerous arrest warrants and assist patrol on higher level calls.

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Next Meeting: March 20, 2025

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

July 11, 2024

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

$$$: Fed: $ Trident: $ State: $ Evidence: $

New Business:

Nate GCSO has been assigned to SPEAR replacing Brent.

GSPD is still shorthanded so it'll be a sometime before they can replace Travis.

We might have a Tru-Narc in our hands very soon. HSI

The handling of the RMHIDTA funds/grants will be transferred by the years end.

RMHIDTA Director Keith Weiss stopped by the office a few weeks back for a visit. The meeting went well with Keith talking about our funding for 2025 in a good place.

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

Discussions on the DA's Office and how they want to turn over CI recordings without trying to protect them. **UPDATE:** Jeff has been working with the new people in his office and it is getting better.

Working with Rifle trying to get a grant for a handful of Tru-Narcs to spread around. **UPDATE:** Still in the grant process.

Case updates:

TF-24-148

March, 2024, SPEAR assisted the Garfield County Sheriff's Office with a traffic stop. Garfield County Sheriff's Deputy Narramore observed a maroon Chevrolet Malibu bearing Colorado license plate 331DQC, traveling westbound on Interstate 70 ("I-70") at a high rate of speed. According to Deputy

Narranore, the vehicle was traveling 87 MPH in a 75 MPH zone. Deputy Narranore conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle at the Rifle off-ramp located at the 90 mile mark on westbound I-70. Deputy Narranore contacted the driver, later identified as Scott Andrew Williamson, DOB: 03/05/90, whose Colorado driver's license was revoked. The front passenger was a female later identified as Ryanna Amber Eisler, DOB: 11/15/94, for whom, it was subsequently discovered, there were six active arrest warrants. The passenger behind the driver was identified as Clayton Butruff, DOB: 02/19/95. During a probable cause search of the vehicle TFO's located 5,738 Fentanyl pills, 17.67 grams TGW of Fentanyl powder, 85.34 grams TGW of methamphetamine, 14.29 grams TGW of methamphetamine and 4 Percocet pills. All of the drug evidence was transferred to DEA SA Flanagan on March 21, 2024.

TF-24-151

On March 18, 2023, GCSO Civil Deputies executed an eviction at 361 South 9th Street in Rifle, Colorado. During the eviction, John Preston exited the residence and walked away on foot wearing a dark blue backpack. A short time later, Rifle Officer Jaramillo and McCain learned that Preston had multiple outstanding warrants for his arrest and contacted Preston at Wingchesters. Preston was arrested and Officers located 2.67 grams of methamphetamine in Preston's pocket, a baggie containing approximately 30.97 grams of suspected fentanyl pills (309 pills) and a baggie containing approximately 19.13 grams of a brownish, grainy unknown powder (suspected fentanyl powder).

TF-24-207

On April 9, 2024, I, Special Problems Enforcement and Response ("SPEAR") Task Force Officer ("TFO") Edgar Lara, learned of a package that was shipped via Fed Ex containing 166.2 grams TGW of cocaine. I learned the package was intercepted by Customs and Boarder Protection (CBP) and turned over to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

On April 10, 2024, at approximately 18:00 hours SPEAR TFOs, HSI and DEA attempted a controlled delivery of the package to the addressed address of 110 Market Drive in the City of Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, Colorado.

On April 30, 2024, SPEAR TFOs and HSI returned to the address after further investigation, Luis Manuel Hernandez Lopez was arrested for attempting to distribute a controlled substance and transported to the Jail.

TF-24-214

On April 17, 2024, SPEAR assisted the Garfield County Sheriff's Office with the search of a Camper Trailer bearing Colorado license plate DPZD15 that was parked on JQS on USHY 13 near the City of Rifle. The vehicle was registered to Dennis and Snorri Ferguson both of whom were present in the vehicle and consented to the search. The search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of 12.10 grams TGW of methamphetamine in multiple baggies, 2.76 grams TGW of Fentanyl powder, three Fentanyl pills, one capsule of an unidentified substance, two pink capsules of an unidentified substance, one pill of Alprazolam, 19.01grams TGW of heroin, 1.34 grams TGW of methamphetamine and heroin mixed

together and an assortment of drug paraphernalia including a digital scale. Statements of Facts have been submitted for both Dennis and Snorri Ferguson. Both were later arrested on the warrants.

TF-24-213

Task Force Officers pulled over Jorge Adrian Perez-Velasco at approx. the 109 westbound. Perez and his passenger Ruby Castillo are known to the Task Force. Later a search was conducted and just under a thousand Fentanyl pills were recovered from the fuse box area under the hood.

TF-24-219

On April 24, 2024 TFO Mulkey observed a white Ford pickup truck bearing Colorado license plate CCY198 weaving and speeding as it travelled past the 97 mile mark on westbound Interstate 70. TFO Mulkey conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle at the approximate 94 mile mark near the City of Rifle in Garfield County, Colorado. The occupants of the vehicle were identified as Anthony Johnston (DOB 9/5/93) and Lynda Simmons (DOB 1/12/61). During the traffic stop TFO Mulkey discovered approximately 1,142 Fentanyl pills on Johnston's person.

TF-24-265

On May 16, 2024, SPEAR assisted by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office seized 85.69 grams TGW of methamphetamine and 1 Fentanyl pill during a traffic stop. The seizure resulted in the arrest of Jeff Hill, DOB: 10/15/64 and Lester Hays, DOB: 03/14/69.

TF-24-307

On May 30, 2024, SPEAR TFOs were searching for Fernando Torres-Cardenas (DOB: 11/10/1999) in the area of 37 Baker Hill PL. in Battlement Mesa, Garfield County, Colorado. Fernando had a felony arrest warrant for attempted homicide out of Denver. At approximately 18:27 hours, SPEAR TFO's observed Fernando in the area and conducted a traffic stop. During the investigation 2.1 grams of cocaine were located on the driver, Jhonatan Garcia Ramos (DOB: 08/08/2000). Both Fernando and Jhonatan were arrested and transported to the Garfield County Jail.

TF-24-319

June of 2024, SPEAR investigators set up and made contact with Martin Carmona and Robert Rivas in the Battlement area. Carmona had multiple felony level warrants, Rivas was also arrested based on the items we located in their vehicle. We located the following:

A defaced Glock 9mm handgun lying next to a bag containing 4.69 TWG of blue fentanyl pills. Also next to the gun and fentanyl pills, TFC Tyler located 141.79 TGW grams of methamphetamine. There were also multiple small baggies and scales located in the vehicle. With the 141.79 grams of methamphetamine along with the small plastic baggies and digital scales

TF-24-351

On June 25, 2024 at approximately 2154 hours, I received a notification from the FLOCK license plate reader (LPR) set up at exit 114 of I-70 in the west bounds lanes near the City of Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, Colorado. The LPR picked up the plate AUD-U94, as it traveled past the cameras. The plate AUD-U94, was registered to a 1995 red Acura Integra which was entered as a stolen vehicle in NCIC and CCIC. At approximately 2220 hours, TFO David Mulkey observed that vehicle bearing that plate at approximately the 85 mile-mark of I-70. It was still continuing west bound as TFO Mulkey advised he was initiating a traffic stop and the vehicle was taking off from him. After leading law enforcement on a pursuit, stop sticks were successfully deployed and the vehicle was stopped near mile mark 70 of I-70. One male suspect, identified as Gerald McNeil DOB 03/26/82, was taken into custody. A probable cause search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of fentanyl pills.

TF-24-354

On June 26, 2024, SPEAR TFOs, GCSO Deputies and HSI arrested teacher Martin Spritzer (DOB: 07/04/1967) on an active arrest warrant for sex assault on a child. Martin was transported to the Garfield County Jail.

TF-24-357/TF-24-374

SPEAR investigators have started purchasing Fentanyl pills out of the 321 W 24 St address in Rifle. Using a CI we have purchased approx. 18 from Kelly Gross, this is the same person that I bought Fentanyl from 2 years back. A week later we purchased approx. 22 Fentanyl pills from Lester Hayes. This case is still open

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Prosecution:

Next Meeting:

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

March 21, 2024

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

$$$: Fed: $ Trident: $ State: $ Evidence: $

New Business:

Edgar Lara has been assigned to SPEAR replacing Tony. We lost having a K9 on the team but picked up a Spanish speaker.

Sgt Baker will be going back to the SO in the near future.

We lost our ICE ERO Mike Holder to a transfer north of Denver.

Discussions on the DA's Office and how they want to turn over CI recordings without trying to protect them.

Predator Op update!!!!

On 3/14 we handled 2 OD deaths within hours of each other.

Working with Rifle trying to get a grant for a handful of Trunarcs to spread around.

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

The SPEAR bank account should be getting set up, last week Cathy was working on it. How the account might look, chip in on yearly bills, money for operations etc. **UPDATE:** I believe it has been set up

Jared and I will be looking at swapping out our lease vehicles in March/April, possibly go through Utah now. Travis needs to swap his or keep it in February. **UPDATE:** Jared and I will be going through Utah after learning more from the conference call. Rifle might go with Denver for 1 more yr.

Case updates:

TF-24-005
On January 2, 2024, SPEAR executed a search warrant on a property/residence located at 201 County Road 60 in Meeker, Colorado. TFOs located a stolen Polaris side by side on the property and miscellaneous drugs and drug paraphernalia in the residence. The illegal drugs and paraphernalia were turned over to Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office and we brought the side by side back, stolen from Glenwood.

TF-24-011
On 01/16/24 SPEAR Investigators attempted to contact a vehicle in Parachute for a traffic violation. The vehicle fled. After a pursuit Michael Floyd was taken into custody.

TF-24-034
On January 23, 2024, SPEAR and the GSPOD conducted a controlled purchase of approximately seven ounces of methamphetamine from Troy Echeverria, at a residence located at 2473 County Road 336, near Silt, Colorado. This was done while he was going to trial for another drug case.

TF-24-045
On 01/25/24 SPEAR Investigators executed a search warrant at 84 Silver Plume Dr in an attempt to locate Christopher Brown and Monique Contreras. Christopher Brown and Monique Contreras were located and arrested along with Joshua Brooks. During the search stolen property from a Rifle robbery and GCSO theft were located. A second search warrant was executed and an estimated $30,000.00 in property was recovered.

TF-24-050
On 01/30/24 SPEAR Investigators responded with GCSO to a shots fired call at 642 CR 346. A search warrant was obtained. Kiana Pena and James Snyder were both arrested. A small amount of meth, oxy's, crack cocaine and a stolen flatbed and motorcycle were recovered from the property.

TF-24-054
On 02/02/24 SPEAR Investigators contacted a stolen vehicle outside of Rifle. The driver was identified as Tasha Vickers. Tasha Vickers was arrested and transported to Garfield County Jail.

TF-24-068
On 02/09/24, SPEAR Investigators followed and stopped John Preston and Jan Ogden in the Glenwood Springs area. After further investigation, we recovered just under 600 Fentanyl pills. Jan was arrested and Preston was not charged at the time due to medical issues. He was arrested on 3/18/24 for this case.

TF-24-084
New information on the Bobby Honeycut homicide in Rifle, still open and ongoing.

TF-24-095
On 02/23/24, Task Force Officers set up and contacted Anthony DelReal. DelReal had numerous warrants and is the suspect in several business burglaries. Upon contact there were numerous items that appeared to be stolen, this is still and ongoing investigation as we try to link the items to the victims.

TF-24-097
On 02/27/24, SPEAR along with CBI conducted an operation to arrest Thomas Mannon. Mannon had a number of warrants and has fled the last handful of times from Officers out of Mesa County. State brought up a device called the "Grappler" that was supposed to help stop a pursuit, but failed in it's attempt. Eventually we were able to spike his tires and end the vehicle pursuit. Mannon then jumped into the river with 362 grams of methamphetamine and approx. 1040 fentanyl pills, they were recovered. Located inside his vehicle were 2 handguns.

TF-24-105
On 02/28/24, SPEAR contacted Angel Wescott and Sandra Thomas north of Rifle. A meth water-bong was in plain sight and a search of the vehicle was conducted. Thomas was arrested on a felony warrant while Wescott was arrested on the 268 fentanyl pills and just over ¼ ounce of methamphetamine.

TF-24-125
On 03/06/24, SPEAR contacted Angel Wescott and Sandra Thomas once again. This time we located at the jail on Thomas 113 grams TGW of Methamphetamine, 18.7 grams TGW of Cocaine and 9.66 grams TGW of suspected Fentanyl powder. On Wescott we located 89.43 grams TGW of methamphetamine and 15.75 grams TGW of possible fentanyl powder, also located when she was being booked in. ((We are noticing that female suspects are using the pocket areas within their bras to hide drugs and the males are safety pinning theirs into their underwear. This is helping to secure the drugs when an Officer has them do the "shake test"))

TF-24-127
On 03/08/24, TFO Mulkey conducted a traffic stop on a silver in color Toyota 4Runner, bearing Colorado license plate DOT H46, for weaving near mm 97 on Interstate 70. Justin Raulerson was the driver and only occupant. Raulerson was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Located pinned in his underwear was just under 2,200 fentanyl pills.

TF-24-132
On 03/08/24, SPEAR Investigators, CBI Investigators, Garfield County Sheriff's Office Investigators, and Rifle Police Detectives, contacted Milton Duarte-Garcia (DOB: 01/12/1994) in the City of Glenwood Springs. Milton was arrested on a Felony Arrest warrant for vehicular homicide and was transported to the Garfield County Jail.

TF-24-143
On 03/14/24, SPEAR responded to a suspicious possible OD death at 3554 CO Rd 214. Sarah Kendrick was found unresponsive. This is the residence of Nicholis Yurian who has had a girlfriend a few years back also die of an overdose. In addition we located another suspect at the residence that had 7 active warrants.

((a few hours later))

TF-24-145
On 03/14/24, SPEAR responded to another suspicious OD death at 119 Little Echo. The deceased was Judy Eachus who was living with Michael Trujillo. On this call when the Coroner was moving the body, 2 partial fentanyl pills were located. With case 143 and this one, we conducted search warrants and seized several phones and recording devices in hopes we can tie them together.

Prosecution:

DEA:

Next Meeting:

SPEAR
CRIMINAL INTEL REPORT

Law Enforcement Only / Officer Safety

Date: 10/24/24 GCSO Case: TBD

Reference: Attempt to Locate person of interest in vehicle pursuits, with active warrants.

Location: 642 CORD 346 Rifle, CO 81650

The SPEAR Task Force is investigating a fugitive, in which, has fled from Garfield County Deputies and Rifle Police Officers on multiple occasions. The party James Steven Snyder (DOB 4/14/86) has multiple active felony warrants.

Within the last several months, Snyder has been contacted several times with firearms. Snyder has been in possession of a sawed off shotgun with methamphetamine, and has also fought SPEAR Task Force Officers while reaching for a small 380 caliber pistol. Snyder's bonds were revoked for failing to appear on his most recent court date. Snyder has $23,000 in warrants. More charges are currently pending.

Snyder has fled law enforcement in his black 2012 Ford Pickup bearing CO DZCG53. Multiple sources have stated he is still in possession and operating it.

If party is located use extreme caution Snyder should be considered armed and dangerous. If any new Intel is collected please reach out to the listed case agents.

James Snyder, DOB: 04/14/1986





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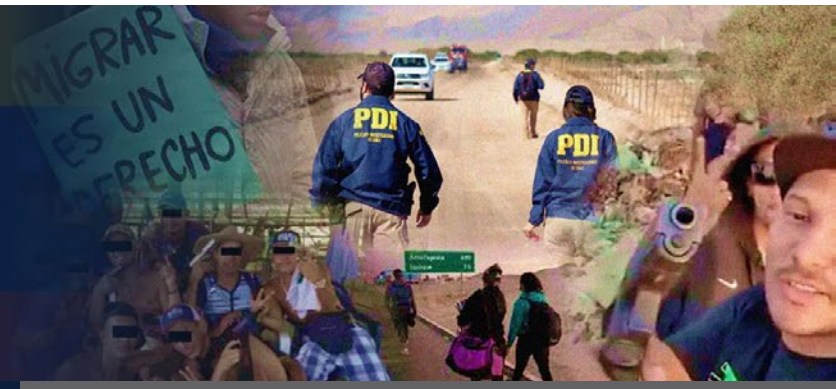
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TREN DE ARAGUA (TdA)

U//LES) Tren de Aragua (TdA) is a Venezuelan transnational gang originating in Aragua State, Venezuela in the mid-to-late 2000's. As early as 2019, TdA's presence had expanded to Central and South American Countries. Foreign law enforcement reporting estimates between 2,500 to 7,000 members within the organization, with networks progressively expanding operations throughout Latin America and the United States. TdA has a reported presence in US states of Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Nevada, New York, and Texas.

United States presence & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

(U//LES) Preliminary reporting indicates that TdA is involved in human smuggling and drug trafficking and continues to exploit migratory movements destined for the United States. As the threat evolves, law enforcement seeks to identify the extent of TdA's criminal activity and presence in the United States. Previously established behavior in South America indicates TdA's ability to assimilate with other criminal actors and local gangs in new regions.

Transnational presence & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

(U//LES) TdA has expanded its presence and criminal activity throughout Latin America to include Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Nicaragua, and Mexico. TdA has a high propensity for violence and is involved in extortion, kidnapping, human trafficking, human smuggling, drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, fraud, and homicide. Their modus operadi includes exploiting migratory movements throughout Latin America to facilitate criminal operations. To facilitate their expansion TdA leverages alliances with other criminal actors and local gangs in the regions it seeks to control. TdA has established alliances with Latin American based TCOs. TdA's leader has directed key members to new countries including the United States and Canada to oversee new criminal revenue streams.

LEADERSHIP



(U//LES) Hector Guerrero Flores AKA El Niño Guerrero leads the organization and controls operations including international expansión while incarcerated in Venezuela's Tocorón Prison.

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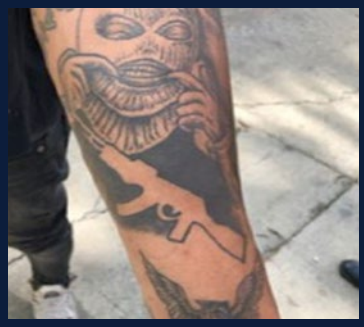
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Initials H.J. for “Hijos de Dios” Spanish for “Sons of God”
“Real Hasta La Muerte” Spanish for “Real Till Death”

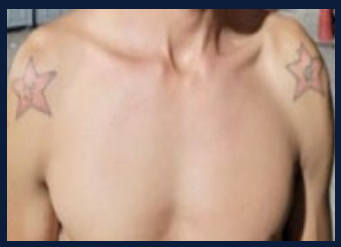
*(U//LES) These tattoos have been observed among TdA members and affiliates. This is not all exclusive and it is recommended that additional identifiers in conjunction with tattoos be used to identify TdA members











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INFORMATIONAL ALERT – OFFICER SAFETY

(U//LES) Tren de Aragua (TdA)

(U//LES) **SITUATION**
In recent months, several law enforcement sources have reported increasing incidents of violent contacts associated with a Venezuelan gang, identified as *Tren de Aragua*, whose numbers are increasing in New York City and elsewhere throughout the United States. These violent confrontations have involved local law enforcement officers and civilian victims of violent crimes. This document is meant as a summary from various law enforcement and open, public sources for officer safety awareness.

(U//LES) North Central High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (NC HIDTA) is sharing information regarding Transnational Criminal Organization (TCO) Tren De Aragua (TdA) to inform law enforcement of historical data, membership indicators and criminal activities.

(U//LES) TdA was formed in the Venezuelan Aragua State's Tocorón prison around the mid to late 2000's and is Venezuelan's largest homegrown criminal group. The National Gang Intelligence Center (NGIC) assessed that TdA has expanded their reach and activities throughout Latin America to include Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Nicaragua, and Mexico. TdA's leader, Hector Ruthensford Guerrero Flores AKA El Niño Guerrero has an extensive criminal background and is believed to be facilitating operations. It is believed that TdA members have been directed to expand their operations within the United States and Canada; currently, there has been a reported presence of TdA members in Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Nevada, New York and Texas.

(U//LES) The El Paso, TX Sector (EPT) Intelligence Unit (SIU) HUMINT-Gang Unit released a Situational Awareness report which stated that they are observing migrants from Venezuela with a confirmed and/or suspected TdA affiliation.

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(U//LES) In November 2023, the Chicago Police Department - Crime Prevention and Information Center (CPIC) released an Intelligence Note which reported a presence of TdA members within Chicago, Illinois that were engaging in illicit activities. CPIC believes that TdA will expand their influence and criminal activity within the area.

(U//LES) NGIC believes that TdA has an extreme tendency for violence and is currently exploiting migratory movements throughout Latin America to accelerate their criminal operations.

(U//LES) TdA engages in extortion, kidnapping, human trafficking, human smuggling, drug trafficking, firearms trafficking, fraud and homicide. TdA an estimated global membership of approximately 2,500 - 7000 TdA members.

(U) Recently, Fox News has stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) believes that TdA may be teaming up with Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), and the New York Post believes that TdA is behind the increasing crime rates within New York City due to their sanctuary policies and that TdA is imbedding members throughout the United States to generate income through criminal activities.

(U//LES) The above sources have all mentioned that TdA identifiers are Chicago Bulls basketball attire and certain tattoos, such as roses, clowns, the Illuminati eye (on hands only), trains, clocks, stars, AK-47's, crowns, the jumping Michael Jordan, # 23, initials "H.J" for Hijos de Dios (Son's of God) and "Real Hasta La Muerte" (Till Death).



*Pictures are examples only.

(U//LES) Law enforcement sources believe that TdA may create alliances with other US based gangs, transnational gangs and TCO's. Law enforcement is reminded to stay cognizant of their surroundings and maintain a high level of situational awareness when dealing with individuals with TdA indicators.

(U//LES) The Minnesota Fusion Center considers TdA activity an unknown intelligence gap. Intelligence pertaining to TCO, and local gang activity suggests South American gangs, including TdA, do have a presence in Minnesota; however, their specific footprint remains unknown. For officer safety considerations, anecdotal reporting suggests that individuals associated to

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(U//LES) Intelligence Gaps:

- What is the extent of TdA's criminal activity and presence in the United States?
- What is the extent of TdA's known or suspected criminal activity in the North Central HIDTA (NCH) region?
- Have TdA members or affiliates been identified within the NCH AOR?
- What alliances might be formed between local street gangs, Mexican and South American Drug Cartels and TdA within the NCH AOR?
- What recruitment methods might be utilized to strengthen TdA membership within the NCH AOR and nationally?
- What social media communications platforms are most often used between TdA members?

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Tren de Aragua: How a Venezuelan Prison Gang Built a Transnational Empire on the Backs of Migrants

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Executive Summary

In the space of a decade, Tren de Aragua (TdA) has grown from a prison gang confined within the walls of Tocorón penitentiary in the Venezuelan state of Aragua to one of the most rapidly growing security threats across South America.

This rise is due to the group's adoption of a unique model of transnational criminal expansion based on the exploitation of a particular social and economic phenomenon: Venezuela's migrant crisis. Its success raises wider questions. How much further can Tren de Aragua expand and are its transnational operations sustainable? Also, is the group's expansion a unique occurrence based on specific circumstances, or might it represent a new model for transnational criminal expansion in Latin America?

TdA's expansion began in its home state of Aragua in northern Venezuela, then extended to six other Venezuelan states. Its spread across South America began in 2018, and from the start has stalked the mass exodus from Venezuela, which has seen over 6 million Venezuelans seek refuge across Latin America and the Caribbean since 2015. The first reports of the group's presence outside of Venezuela emerged in neighboring Colombia -- the first stop and the most common end destination for many Venezuelan migrants.

Since then, there have been reports of TdA's presence in the top regional destinations for Venezuelan migrants, with the gang laying down roots in Colombia, Peru, and Chile, with further news of their appearance in Ecuador, Brazil, and Bolivia. This expansion likely began as an opportunistic response to the criminal opportunities created by the migrant crisis and then evolved, becoming more organized and coordinated as the network developed.

Each step of TdA's expansion has broadly followed a three-step process. TdA has most successfully progressed through these stages, and built up its criminal portfolio, in areas where conditions have been optimal and opportunities have been plentiful.

1. Exploration: where the group seeks out territories where it can exploit staging points along migrant journeys or that have significant Venezuelan diasporas, which give the gang an economic foothold.

2. Penetration: where TdA seeks entry to local criminal economies and confronts any potential rivals.

3. Consolidation: when the gang puts criminal infrastructure and networks into place to ensure their presence is sustainable – including infiltration of the host states through corruption.

So far, the group has successfully moved through penetration and entered into the consolidation phases in Colombia, Peru, and Chile, experiencing the most success in areas rich in criminal opportunities or where the barriers to entry in terms of criminal competition over territories or economies is low.

It remains unclear to what extent this expansion has been directed by a coordinated strategic plan with a regional focus, or whether TdA leadership elements have simply sought to establish some control of, and profit from, said expansion. What is clear is that these TdA cells in several different countries are coordinating and communicating with each other. There is also substantial evidence

that TdA's international wings coordinate with -- and send money to -- the central leadership in Venezuela.

The international cells of TdA now control a broad range of criminal economies in the areas where it has taken root. In the exploration phase, these are closely linked to the migrant and diaspora population, which the gang preys on through extortion and human trafficking, although it also provides services such as migrant smuggling. As it progresses into the penetration and consolidation phases, its portfolio expands into economies with low entry barriers, such as generalized extortion, micro-trafficking, and loan sharking. The gang's entry into, and protection of, these economies is often characterized by extreme violence targeting both the civilian population and rival gangs.

While the TdA expansion into new territories appears to have slowed over the last year as new criminal opportunities presented by the exodus dry up, there remain some locations around the region where conditions still exist for it to take root. And even while the risk of the group moving into new regions fades, it can still expand in the countries where it has consolidated its presence. Shifting migration patterns could also offer new opportunities, especially the surge in Venezuelans heading northwards to the United States. However, high levels of competition from other organized crime groups along these routes, that already profit from well-established migration flows, will limit their chance to replicate their South American successes.

Its success has not just come at the point of a gun. It has established connections with security forces and politicians from the local to the national level.[1] And even as the regime led by President Nicolás Maduro has sought to impose more control on the Venezuelan criminal landscape by targeting some of the country's most infamous gangs,[2] TdA continues to act with near-total impunity in its principal strongholds.

In the areas where these cells are the most consolidated, especially in Peru and Chile, TdA has so far proven resilient in the face of security forces operations, while in Colombia, they have withstood assaults from criminal rivals as well as the attentions of security forces. In these areas, TdA is now likely to become a more permanent feature of the local criminal panorama, although whether this is as part of transnational network, as isolated diaspora gangs, as prison gangs, or as a loose criminal franchise, will depend on events both in host countries and within Venezuela.

The specific conditions and opportunities that facilitated the rise of TdA as a regional force in South America were unique, and unless there is another crisis which causes a sudden mass migration, is unlikely to be repeated. There are no signs of other Venezuelan groups making a similar developmental leap using the migration flow, although the evolution of Venezuelan transnational organized crime using diaspora communities is possible. In addition to developing both national and transnational strategies to combat the threat TdA poses today, regional authorities should understand how instability and crises can act as catalysts for rapid transnational criminal transformation.

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[1] InSight Crime electronic correspondence, member of Tren de Aragua, 22 March 2023; InSight Crime telephone interview, investigator in Aragua, 26 April 2023; InSight Crime interview, Aragua state police officer, Aragua, Venezuela, 14 March 2023.

[2] Venezuela Investigative Unit, "Brutal but Futile: Venezuela's Anti-Gang 'Mega-Operations'," InSight Crime, 2 March 2023.

The Birth and National Evolution of Tren de Aragua

TdA's origins are believed to lie in a corrupt union that embezzled public funds for constructing a rail network in the Venezuela state of Aragua. However, the group in its current form began to take shape inside Aragua's Tocorón prison under the leadership of Héctor Rustherford Guerrero Flores, alias "Niño Guerrero."

The gang's influence grew thanks to the unofficial government policy of devolving power in Venezuela's violent and uncontrollable prisons to gang bosses known as *pranes*.[3] This policy was instituted by a new prison ministry, under Iris Varela,[4] created in 2011. As the pran of Tocorón, Niño Guerrero successfully leveraged this new government strategy -- as well as alleged links to prominent politicians including Varela[5] -- to turn the prison into a base of operations. The gang now not only has total control within the prison walls, but also complete impunity to run its criminal operations from within what is now Niño Guerrero's private fortress.

As it grew, TdA began to establish cells and co-opt smaller gangs on the outside to project its power beyond the prison walls. It spread throughout Aragua, often replicating the *pran* structure and model honed within the prison. Below the *pranes* such as Niño Guerrero are *luceros* who make up middle management and oversee smaller groups. *Perros* represent the muscle of the gang and often specialize in carrying out extortions, while *gariteros* make up its intelligence network. The lowest ranks are populated by c*achorros*, or cubs, who are often children and adolescents, and who run errands.[6]

In some areas, the gang has replicated the criminal governance it imposes in prison, including implementing measures such as staging *juicios,* or trials, of those considered to have broken the gang's rules. This is most notable in what has become its external headquarters, the San Vicente neighborhood of Aragua, where it tightly controls all aspects of social and political life through the façade of a social organization known as Somos El Barrio JK (We Are the Barrio JK).[7]

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[3] Venezuela Investigative Unit, "The Devolution of State Power: 'The Pranes'," InSight Crime, 20 May 2018.
[4] Venezuela Investigative Unit, "How Venezuelan Gangs Masquerade as Community Organizers to Secure Territory," InSight Crime, 11 April 2022.
[5] Venezuela Investigative Unit, "Hybrid Governance and the Criminal Fiefdoms of Tren de Aragua," InSight Crime, 12 July 2023.
[6] InSight Crime Interview, Poliaragua Officer, Aragua, 21 April 2019.
[7] Venezuela Investigative Unit, "Hybrid Governance and the Criminal Fiefdoms of Tren de Aragua," InSight Crime, 12 July 2023.

Timeline of Tren de Aragua's Expansion in Venezuela and Beyond



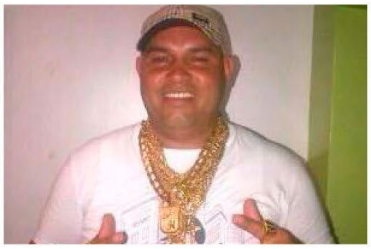
2012
Niño Guerrero escaped from Tocorón prison in Aragua, presumably with help from security and state officials.

2013
Niño Guerrero was recaptured and imprisoned in Tocorón, where he has led Tren de Aragua's growth and expansion ever since.

Then-Prisons Minister Iris Varela announced reforms to the Venezuelan penitentiary system which were never implemented in Tocorón.

2014
Tren de Aragua began to consolidate its power in the San Vicente neighborhood in Aragua.

2015
Yohan José Romero, alias "Johan Petrica" -- a close ally of Tren de Aragua's leadership -- arrived in Sifontes, Bolívar, to lead the Las Claritas Sindicato.



2016
Authorities kill the leader of Tren del Llano, José Antonio Tovar Colina, alias "El Picure." Tren de Aragua takes over Tren del Llano's illicit economies in Aragua. The same year, they expanded to Guárico state.

2017
First reports of Fundación Somos el Barrio JK, Tren de Aragua's charitable wing.

2018
- Niño Guerrero was sentenced to 17 years in prison. The gang's international expansion began.

- Colombian security forces reported Tren de Aragua was present in Villa del Rosario and Cúcuta on the border with Venezuela.

- August: First reports of Tren de Aragua's presence in Peru with the arrest of 5 alleged gang members in Lima.

- In Venezuela, Tren de Aragua moved into the key drug trafficking hub of Sucre state.

2019
- Tren de Aragua cell, known as the Gallegos, appeared in Arequipa.

- September: Brazilian authorities reported Tren de Aragua was present in the northern state of Roraima.

2020
- October: Colombian authorities reported Tren de Aragua was present in the capital, Bogotá, after three people died in a gunfight.

- November: First reports of Tren de Aragua presence on the Colombia-Ecuador border emerge after police arrest 9 people.



2021
Tren de Aragua continued their expansion south towards Chile. Authorities identified migrants were being extorted by Tren de Aragua in Tarapacá, on the border with Bolivia. Later that year, police also confirmed the group's human trafficking and drug trafficking operations in the country.



2022
Peruvian authorities carry out "mega-operations" leading to the arrest of 53 members in Lima and Arequipa, while Chilean authorities arrest 40 alleged members over the course of the year.



2023
Chilean operations in Tarapacá, Santiago, and Concepción continue. Peruvian police arrest eight members in the Piura municipality.



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Source: InSight Crime investigations and open sources

However, Aragua represented just the first phase in TdA's national expansion. Currently, the group maintains a presence, either directly or through links with satellite gangs, in at least six of Venezuela's 24 states.[8] In some cases, the gang has sought access to areas rich in criminal opportunities, such as the illegal mining hub of Bolívar,[9] where one of the gang's leaders first appeared sometime between 2015 and 2017,[10] or the drug trafficking dispatch point of Sucre on the Atlantic seaboard,[11] which it entered in 2018.[12] In others, it has established a foothold in large urban areas by bringing local gangs into the broader TdA network following a "franchise" model.[13]

Those leading the expansion commonly had direct ties to Tocorón. High-ranking members of the group were dispatched as emissaries once they left the prison,[14] alliances were forged with local crime bosses incarcerated in Tocorón,[15] and former prisoners were deployed as manpower and shock troops in zones around the country.[16]

As would later be the case for the group's transnational network, TdA's structure and operations within Venezuela varied based on local conditions and criminal opportunities. However, even when operators in the domestic network can act with some level of autonomy, they appear to ultimately answer to Niño Guerrero and the leadership in Tocorón.[17]

This domestic geographical expansion was accompanied by a corresponding expansion of TdA's criminal portfolio. Currently, the group is involved in extortion, kidnapping for ransom, cybercrime, human trafficking, contraband, illegal mining, black markets, microtrafficking, and robberies in Venezuela.[18]

Tren de Aragua's Transnational Expansion and Consolidation

The first reports of TdA's expansion outside of Venezuela appeared in 2018. This coincided with the peak of the Venezuela migrant crisis, which has seen over 7 million Venezuelans flee the

[8] InSight Crime, "Tren de Aragua," 14 February 2023.
[9] InSight Crime, "Las Claritas Sindicato," 14 February 2023.
[10] InSight Crime, "Las Claritas Sindicato," 14 February 2023.
[11] Venezuela Investigative Unit, "Venezuela's Opaque Drug-Seizure Figures Don't Add Up," InSight Crime, 21 December 2022; InSight Crime, "Tren de Aragua," 14 February 2023.
[12] InSight Crime, "Tren de Aragua," 14 February 2023.
[13] Observatorio Venezolano de Violencia, "Informe Anual de Violencia 2022," 29 December 2022; InSight Crime electronic correspondence, political leader in Lara, 4 January 2021; InSight Crime interview, journalist from newspaper La Prensa, Cúcuta, Colombia, 20 March 2023; InSight Crime telephone interview, journalist in Lara, 5 August 2020.
[14] InSight Crime, "Las Claritas Sindicato," 14 February 2023.
[15] InSight Crime interviews, former prison guards, Caracas, 10 May 2019; resident of Guiria, Sucre, 15 March 2022; social leader in Guiria, Sucre, 15 March 2022; @RCamachoVzla, Twitter, 17 August 2020; InSight Crime electronic correspondence, resident of Guiria, 10 June 2022.
[16] Transparencia Venezuela, "Corrupción y crimen en las regiones: estados sin ley," July 2020.
[17] InSight Crime interview, former prison guards, Caracas, 10 May 2019; InSight Crime telephone interview, investigator in Aragua, 26 April 2023.
[18] InSight Crime, "Tren de Aragua," 14 February 2023.

country's spiral of economic and social crises since 2015. Over 6 million of these migrants headed to destinations in Latin America and the Caribbean, and it was this flow of people that TdA would follow and exploit to construct its transnational network.[19]



From the start, TdA's expansion has followed a similar pattern, beginning with the exploration phase. The gang arrives in new areas that are either border crossings on migration routes or urban centers with large Venezuelan diasporas. While little is known about how gang members arrived at these points or why they selected certain destinations to establish cells, it is likely this was opportunistic rather than planned, at least in the early phases of the group's expansion.

[19] R4V, "Refugiados y migrantes de Venezuela," accessed 17 July 2023.

During this phase, members maintain a low profile and focus primarily on securing control of border crossings and exploiting migrants, who know and fear the group but are less likely to report crimes than locals would be, largely for fear of deportation. The criminal economies that are hallmarks of this phase include migrant smuggling, human trafficking for sexual exploitation, and extorting or robbing diaspora communities or migrants in transit.

As the gang builds up its network in any locality, it moves from exploration into the penetration phase. By this point, it has identified potential rival organizations as well as local criminal economies unrelated to migration that it can enter, and begins recruiting on a local level. To enter this phase, the gang requires conditions such as limited criminal competition and the existence of criminal economies with low barriers to entry.

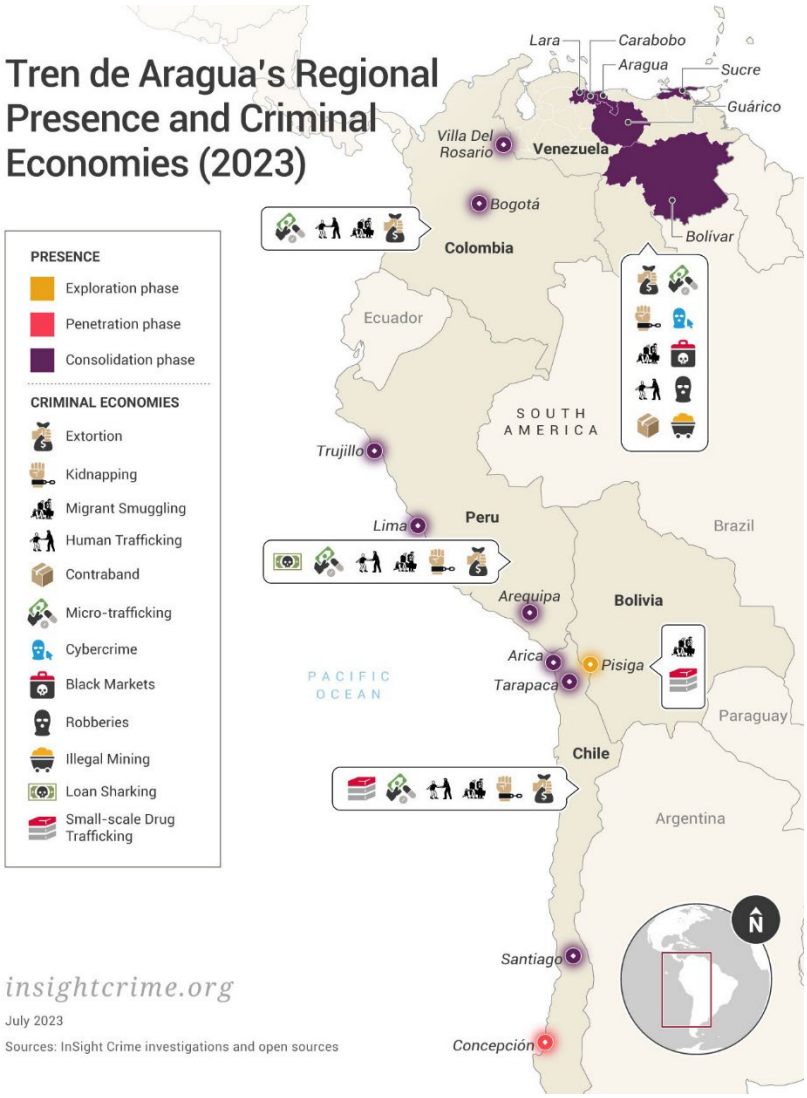
The penetration phase is characterized by increased violence against rival gangs and a shift into new economies that affect the local population, not just migrants, such as extortion, microtrafficking of drugs, and loan sharking. TdA has experienced the most success in areas where relatively low violence rates and little presence of local organized crime has left both the civilian population and local authorities unprepared to deal with the level of criminal threat and brutality it presents.

Finally, as the TdA cell establishes the financial base and structure required to make its operations sustainable and resilient, it enters the consolidation phase. In this phase, it seeks to infiltrate the state through corruption networks; form alliances with, recruit, or assimilate other criminal actors operating in the area; and build increasingly sophisticated money laundering operations. In some cases, it may also impose limited criminal governance reminiscent of its territorial control in Venezuela.

The initial wave of mass migration saw most migrants head to Colombia, Peru, and Chile,[20] and it is these same countries that have become the epicenters of TdA's international expansion. It is where they have successfully moved through exploration and penetration phases and towards consolidation. There have also been reports of the group's presence in Ecuador and Bolivia, as well as one report of its activities in Brazilian prisons,[21] but little evidence to suggest they have moved past the exploration phase in these countries.

[20] R4V, "Refugiados y migrantes de Venezuela," accessed 17 July 2023.

[21] Venezuela Investigative Unit, "Venezuela's Tren de Aragua Gang Seeks to Grow Inside Brazil Prisons," InSight Crime, 26 September 2019.



Colombia

TdA's international expansion began at the single most important bottleneck of migration routes for Venezuelans: the border between Norte de Santander in Colombia and Táchira in Venezuela.[22] While the group had already proven adept at expanding into new domestic territories rich with criminal opportunities, this time it appeared not on the Venezuelan side of the border but in the metropolitan area of the city of Cúcuta, where its presence was first reported in 2018.[23]

The gang was able to gain a foothold by taking control of illegal crossings known as *trochas*, which had become the main way for migrants leaving the country after the Venezuela-Colombia border closed in 2015. Although many other criminal groups had interests in controlling the trochas,

[22] InSight Crime interviews, public officials in Norte de Santander, Colombia, 19 April 2023; expert on criminal dynamics in Norte de Santander, Colombia, 16 February 2021.
[23] InSight Crime interviews, public officials in Norte de Santander, Colombia, 19 April 2023.; Expert on criminal dynamics in Norte de Santander, 16 February 2021; La Opinión, "Lucha frontal contra el Tren de Aragua," 19 May 2020

larger criminal structures were more focused on drug trafficking and contraband smuggling, leaving a gap in the market that TdA was quick to spot and exploit.

The cell entered into the penetration phase in Cúcuta and the satellite municipality of Villa del Rosario first by building up its migrant smuggling business then by entering into local criminal economies such as extortion,[24] microtrafficking,[25] and human trafficking for sexual exploitation.[26] While it struggled to sustain operations in Cúcuta, it has successfully consolidated in Villa del Rosario, above all in the community of La Parada, which is home to one of the area's most important *trochas*. Today, local sources in La Parada report the gang has a virtual monopoly on criminal activities in the area, while authorities have found evidence of it working with corrupt security forces.[27]

However, this territory is small and far from the most profitable section of the border in the region, which is populated by some of the largest armed groups in Colombia, including dissident networks from the demobilized Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia – FARC),[28] the Gaitanista Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (Autodefensas Gaitanistas de Colombia – AGC),[29] and above all, the National Liberation Army (Ejército de Liberación Nacional – ELN).[30]

TdA has clashed repeatedly with the ELN, which controls Venezuelan territory just across the border from La Parada. In May 2022, the ELN marked several houses with threats to the gang, and shootouts on the border -- allegedly between the two groups -- increased.[31] While TdA was able to weather these attacks, and the groups appear to have reached an impasse, at least for the moment,[32] it is clear the gang is not capable of challenging the ELN militarily. This means its expansion options will remain limited wherever the ELN stakes a claim to territory.

By 2020, the first reports of TdA's presence in Colombia's interior began to emerge, with news outlets reporting on its activities in Bogotá,[33] home to the country's largest Venezuelan diaspora.[34] Press reports suggest that the cell in Bogotá is run by a man known as alias "Brayan" from within

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[24] InSight Crime interviews, residents of La Parada, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 21 April 2023; social leaders in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 20 April 2023.

[25] AreaCúcuta, "Captura de alias Pocillo en Cúcuta: un importante avance en la lucha contra el crimen organizado," 15 May 2023; Olga Lucía Cotamo Salazar, "Once integrantes de banda delincuencial fueron cpturados en frontera con Venezuela," La FM, 21 April 2023; La Opinión, "A la cárcel integrantes del Tren de Aragua," 7 July 2021.

[26] InSight Crime interviews, humanitarian workers, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, 19 April 2023; social worker, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 21 April 2023; expert on gender dynamics in Norte de Santander, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 20 April 2023; human rights defender, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 20 April 2023; Enrique Pertuz, general director of CORPOREDDEH, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 17 April 2023; InSight Crime telephone interview, expert on migration dynamics in Norte de Santander, 8 May 2023.

[27] InSight Crime interview, residents of La Parada, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 21 April 2023; Olga Lucía Cotamo Salazar, "Once integrantes de banda delincuencial fueron capturados en frontera con Venezuela," La FM, 21 April 2023.

[28] InSight Crime, "Ex-FARC Mafia," 1 June 2023.

[29] InSight Crime, "Gaitanistas - Gulf Clan," 8 November 2022.

[30] InSight Crime, "ELN," 19 October 2022.

[31] El Espectador, "La Parada (Norte de Santander) en medio de la guerra entre Eln y "Tren de Aragua"," 4 May 2022; La Opinión, "Pánico en La Parada por enfrentamiento entre Eln y Tren de Aragua," 20 December 2023.

[32] InSight Crime interview, residents of La Parada, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 21 April 2023.

[33] InSight Crime interview, General Carlos Triana, Commander of Bogotá Metropolitan Police, 4 November 2022.

[34] El Nuevo Siglo, "El 20% de migrantes venezolanos está en Bogotá," 26 January 2023.

the Picota prison in the capital, although InSight Crime has not been able to independently confirm these claims.[35]

In Bogotá, the gang has been able to enter the penetration phase, controlling local economies like extortion and microtrafficking,[36] and there are even signs it has entered the consolidation phase through the corruption of local police officials.[37] However, as in Norte de Santander, the gang has been unable to achieve a dominant position in the local criminal landscape, as its progress has been hindered by conflicts with local urban gangs with a long history of territorial control over the city's poor neighborhoods and criminal hotspots.[38]

Peru

By 2019, a TdA cell had also entered into the exploration phase in Lima,[39] the capital of Peru and home to that country's largest Venezuelan diaspora.[40] By 2022, authorities had also identified cells active in Arequipa and Trujillo, which have the second and third-largest Venezuelan populations.[41] In Peru today, there are currently four known cells operating under distinct names: the Gallegos, Puros Hijos Sicarios, Dinastía Alayón, and Hijos de Dios.[42]

In addition to the large migrant population, the cities targeted by TdA have criminal economies with low barriers to entry and relatively low murder rates, increasing the impact when the gang used highly publicized acts of violence both to terrorize the population and potential competitors into submission.[43]

This allowed the cells to move swiftly into the penetration phase. In Lima, the gang went from extorting Venezuelan sex workers to extorting all sex workers as well as local businesses.[44] It also entered into the loan sharking business, known locally as *gota a gota*.[45] For each, the gang has used highly publicized acts of violence both to terrorize the population and potential competitors

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[35] Carolina Valencia Lucas, "Tren de Aragua: desde cárcel La Picota, alias Brayan daba órdenes para cometer delitos," Noticias Caracol, 28 June 2023; Michell Figueroa, "Brayan: este es el líder del Tren de Aragua que asegura haber ordenado más de 30 asesinatos desde la cárcel La Picota," Infobae, 29 June 2023.

[36] InSight Crime interview, General Triana, Bogotá Metropolitan Police, Colombia, 27 February 2023.

[37] Juan Botero, "Denuncia: Policía estaría involucrada en extorsión a trabajadoras sexuales en Kennedy," Caracol Radio, 2 May 2023.

[38] InSight Crime interview, General Triana, Bogotá Metropolitan Police, Colombia, 4 November 2022; InSight Crime telephone interview, Andrés Nieto, investigator in Bogotá, Colombia, 23 March 2023.

[39] InSight Crime interview, General Oscar Arriola, head of Criminal Investigation Directorate, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 22 April 2023.

[40] Instituto Nacional de Estadística e Informática, "Condiciones de vida de la población Venezolana que reside en el Perú," December 2022.

[41] Instituto Nacional de Estadística e Informática, "Condiciones de vida de la población Venezolana que reside en el Perú," December 2022.

[42] InSight Crime interview, source from Attorney General's office, Peru, 27 April 2023; General Oscar Arriola, Head of Criminal Investigation Directorate, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 22 April 2023; official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, 28 May 2023; Coronel Víctor Revoredo, Chief of Homicide Investigations Directorate, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 4 May 2023; General Jesús Flores, Director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023.

[43] InSight Crime interviews, sources from the Special Investigation Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru 24 April 2023; Jorge Chávez Cotrina, Senior Prosecutor and national Coordinator of Specialized Prosecutor's Office against Organized Crime, 25 April 2023.

[44] InSight Crime interviews, General Oscar Arriola, Head of Criminal Investigation Directorate, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 22 April 2023; Colonel José Gutierrez Mori, head of Divincri Tumbes, Peru, 29 April 2023.

[45] InSight Crime interview, sources from the Criminal Investigation Unit of the Peruvian National Police in Arequipa, Peru, 30 April 2023.

into submission,[46] especially targeting sex workers in Lima,[47] and *gota a gota* victims in Arequipa.[48]

As cells have moved into the consolidation phase, they have also used targeted violence to force competing gangs to work for them.[49] Peruvian authorities report that before the gang's arrival, loan sharking was largely controlled by small Colombian gangs and networks, but that TdA either forced them out[50] or now charges fees to the Colombians who operate under their "protection."[51] Investigators report they have been able to displace Peruvian gangs in part because of their capacity for violence and the high caliber weapons they use.[52]

However, where TdA has faced stiffer opposition in Peru, the gang has struggled to advance. Such was the case in the province of El Callao, home to Peru's most important port, which has long been home to violent gangs that have connections to top level drug traffickers and a history of state penetration.[53] There, police sources reported to InSight Crime, the gang was forced back by local competitors when it tried to establish a local cell.[54]

Chile

Chilean authorities first identified TdA's presence on the northern border towns of Arica and Tarapacá in 2021,[55] although it is likely that the exploration phase began much earlier, with some sources suggesting it has been present since at least 2019.[56]

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[46] InSight Crime interviews, sources from the Special Investigation Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru 24 April 2023; Jorge Chávez Cotrina, Senior Prosecutor and national Coordinator of Specialized Prosecutor's Office against Organized Crime, 25 April 2023.

[47] Perú21, "Se busca: Daiverson Rodríguez es el asesino que disparó 32 balazos a mujer trans," 6 March 2023.

[48] InSight Crime interview, sources from the Criminal Investigation Unit of the Peruvian National Police in Arequipa, Peru, 30 April 2023.

[49] InSight Crime interviews, sources from the Special Investigation Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 24 April 2023; Jorge Chávez Cotrina, Senior Prosecutor and National Coordinator of Specialized Prosecutor's Offices against Organized Crime, Peru, 25 April 2023.

[50] Óscar Chumpitaz, "Colombianos y venezolanos en guerra por el dominio del 'gota a gota'," La República, 2 May 2023; La República, "Caen 61 presuntos miembros del 'Tren de Aragua' en casa de Chosica," 18 April 2023; Latina Noticias, "Los 'Gallegos' del Tren de Aragua: así operan los cobradores de la mafia del 'Gota a Gota' en Lima Norte," 19 June 2023; Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[51] InSight Crime interview, official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, 28 May 2023; sources from the Criminal Investigation Division of the Peruvian National Police, Arequipa, Peru, 30 April 2023; El Tiempo, "Matan a tres colombianos que se dedicarían al 'gota a gota' en Peru," 4 November 2022; Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[52] InSight Crime interview, source from Peruvian Attorney General's Office, Peru, 27 April 2023.

[53] America TV, "Barrio King: conoce hasta donde llegaron los tentáculos de la banda criminal," 13 December 2015.

[54] InSight Crime interview, sources from the Special Investigation Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru 24 April 2023.

[55] Laura Ávila, "How Tren de Aragua Controls the Destiny of Migrants from Venezuela to Chile," InSight Crime, 25 July 2022.

[56] InSight Crime interview, Padre Lirio, priest and director of migrant shelter in Arica, Chile, 8 May 2023; Francisco Artaza, "El Tren de Aragua intensifica su presencia en Chile: brazo del temido cartel venezolano supera los 100 integrantes activos en el país," La Tercera, 11 June 2022.

In the months following the first operation targeting the gang in 2022, cells were identified in the Santiago metropolitan area,[57] and the city of Concepción.[58] In Arica and Tarapacá, the gang operates under the same name as the faction in Peru, the Gallegos, while those operating in Santiago, and Concepción do not appear to have distinct names, instead simply operating under the banner of TdA.[59]

Each of these locations offered TdA ideal conditions to enter the region. Arica, located on Chile's northern border with Peru, and Tarapacá, located on the border with Bolivia, are major transit hubs for Venezuelan migrants.[60] Santiago, meanwhile, has been a major destination for migrants, while the Biobío Region, where Concepción is located, has received the third-highest number of Venezuelan migrants in the country.[61]

Reports suggest that when the group first moved into Chile, it worked with other migrant smuggling networks in Arica, but from around 2022, it started to clash with these networks and take control of the business for itself.[62] The high levels of brutality deployed startled both authorities and residents unaccustomed to such criminal violence.[63] This fear helped TdA exert its control over local economies, such as microtrafficking and extortion in areas where it faced little to no criminal competition.

In Santiago and on the northern border, the group has now moved into the consolidation phase, building money-laundering operations and taking over territory from rival migrant smuggling networks.[64] In Arica, it is also reported to control informal migrant camps by imposing its own rules and controlling the entry of outsiders.[65] The gang also uses this control for recruitment, targeting those living in or passing through the camps.[66] There is no evidence, yet, that TdA has moved past the penetration phase in Concepción, but investigations and arrests confirm that the gang has successfully entered local economies.[67]

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[57] InSight Crime interview, Raúl Arancibia, Attorney General for Tarapacá, Chile, 19 May 2023.
[58] Manuel Stuardo, "'Carlitos Nike": imputado por muerte del cabo Palma y su vínculo con el "Tren de Aragua" en Concepción," Bío Bío Chile, 29 May 2023; 24 Horas Chile, "Caen 10 miembros del Tren de Aragua en Concepción: se les imputa explotación sexual," 29 May 2023.
[59] Manuel Stuardo, "'Carlitos Nike": imputado por muerte del cabo Palma y su vínculo con el "Tren de Aragua" en Concepción," Bío Bío Chile, 29 May 2023; 24 Horas Chile, "Caen 10 miembros del Tren de Aragua en Concepción: se les imputa explotación sexual," 29 May 2023; InSight Crime interviews, Raúl Arancibia, Attorney General for Tarapacá, Chile, 19 May 2023; Jorge Días Ibarra, Governor of Arica and Parinacota, Chile, 2 May 2023; Chile Investigative Police, "Informe de Resultados de Gestión Operativa 2022," January 2023.
[60] International Organization for Migration, "Tendencias recientes de la Migración en las Américas," June 2022.
[61] International Migration Organization, "Informe de encuesta de caracterización de población venezolana – Región del Bío Bío," April 2023; International Organization for Migration, "Tendencias recientes de la Migración en las Américas," June 2022.
[62] InSight Crime interview, Padre Lirio, missionary and director of migrant shelter in Arica, Chile, 8 May 2023; T13, "[VIDEO] Reportajes T13: El recorrido del "Tren de Aragua" de Arica a Puerto Montt," 16 January 2023.
[63] InSight Crime interviews, migrant woman in Arica, Chile, 7 May 2023; Jorge Días Ibarra, Governor of Arica and Parinacota, Chile, 2 May 2023.
[64] InSight Crime interviews, Attorney General in Tarapacá, Arica, Chile, 19 May 2023; migrant woman in Arica, Chile, 7 May 2023.
[65] InSight Crime interview, Padre Lirio, missionary and director of migrant shelter in Arica, Chile, 8 May 2023.
[66] InSight Crime interview, Padre Lirio, missionary and director of migrant shelter in Arica, Chile, 8 May 2023.
[67] Manuel Stuardo, "'Carlitos Nike": imputado por muerte del cabo Palma y su vínculo con el "Tren de Aragua" en Concepción," Bío Bío Chile, 29 May 2023; 24 Horas Chile, "Caen 10 miembros del Tren de Aragua en Concepción: se les imputa explotación sexual," 29 May 2023.



Ecuador

In Ecuador, which has received the third-highest number of Venezuelan refugees and migrants and continues to be an important transit point for migrants, there have been persistent reports of a TdA cell operating on the country's northern border between Tulcán, Ecuador and Ipiales, Colombia.[68]

However, while migrants and extortion victims in the area refer to their interactions with TdA,[69] local authorities remain unconvinced. Instead, security forces sources believe this group is not a true TdA cell, but a copycat using the name to intimidate Venezuelans. If they are mistaken, and the gang is present, police officials say, it has not yet penetrated local economies and so remains in the exploration phase.[70]

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[68] InSight Crime interviews, Diego Muñoz, Defensor del Pueblo in Carchí province, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 8 February 2022; representatives of Albergue Paso a Paso, Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia, 9 February 2023; representative of Pastoral Social, Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia, 10 February 2023.

[69] InSight Crime interviews, Diego Muñoz, Defensor del Pueblo in Carchí province, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 8 February 2022; representatives of Albergue Paso a Paso, Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia, 9 February 2023; representative of Pastoral Social, Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia, 10 February 2023.

[70] InSight Crime interviews, Police officials in Ipiales, Ipiales, Nariño, 9 February 2023; Ecuadorian National Police officer, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 8 February 2022.

On Ecuador's southern border, there is little evidence of the gang's presence beyond threatening phone calls and messages purporting to be from members of the group.[71] Although this area is an important migration corridor on the southern route, these routes and control of migrant-centric criminal economies are in the hands of violent and established Ecuadorian gangs like the Choneros and Tiguerones, according to humanitarian workers on both sides of the border,[72] limiting the TdA's potential to expand.

Bolivia

There have also been limited signs of TdA's advance in Bolivia, with the group's presence registered on the border with Chile in the town of Pisiga. While there have been sporadic reports of its criminal activities in other cities, there is nothing to suggest the group has asserted any sort of territorial control or moved beyond targeting migrants.[73] While Bolivia is an important staging post for Venezuelan migrants, TdA's potential to expand in the country is limited by a small diaspora of less than 16,000 people.[74]

Tren de Aragua's Transnational Criminal Portfolio

The core TdA network in Venezuela controls an extensive range of criminal economies. While this experience has helped the transnational network build a similar portfolio abroad, members have had to learn new, migrant-centric criminal economies such as migrant smuggling and transnational human trafficking, while adapting their knowledge of core illicit economies, such as extortion and microtrafficking, to local conditions. The group has enjoyed the most success in criminal economies where entry barriers such as criminal knowledge, experience, and connections, owning or controlling infrastructure, and up-front costs, are low, and where it has faced little criminal competition.

Migrant smuggling

Control of migration corridors and migrant smuggling was the primary vehicle that TdA initially used to expand beyond Venezuela. It remains one of its most important sources of income today.

The gang first became involved in migrant smuggling in the Cúcuta metropolitan areas on the Colombia-Venezuela border, where it began charging migrants a fee to cross the *trochas* and extorted smaller smuggling networks who used the crossings before starting to provide its own transportation services.[75]

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[71] InSight Crime telephone interview, humanitarian workers in Huaquillas, Ecuador, 9 March 2023.
[72] InSight Crime telephone interview, humanitarian workers in Huaquillas, Ecuador, 9 March 2023.
[73] Laura Ávila, "How Tren de Aragua Controls the Destiny of Migrants from Venezuela to Chile," 25 July 2022.
[74] R4V, "Refugiados y migrantes de Venezuela," accessed 17 July 2023.
[75] InSight Crime interviews, security expert in Norte de Santander, 4 November 2021; local journalist in San Antonio del Táchira, 10 January 2022; social leader in Villa del Rosario, Norte de Santander, 4 November 2021.

As migrants moved further south, so did TdA, and the services it provided became more sophisticated and connected. The gang began to provide smuggling services along routes that traveled through Colombia and into Ecuador, Peru, and Chile. Migrants using these services, security forces, public officials and civil society groups working with the migrant population describe a similar pattern all along these routes: TdA offered package deals in which they typically provide transportation, accommodation, and food for the entire journey. In many cases, the migrants stay in houses and hotels during the day, as buses -- which leave from clandestine terminals -- usually travel at night.[76]

The same sources reported a range of prices: between US$90-150 to cross the Peru-Chile border;[77] US$180 for transport from the border to Santiago[78]; US$500-600 to travel from Venezuela to Chile; and US$200 to reach Peru.[79] Fees are also charged for journeys back towards Venezuela, with migrants reporting being charged US$85 to be taken from Tulcán, in Carchi, Ecuador, to Cúcuta, in Norte de Santander, Colombia;[80] However, some migrants and humanitarian organizations providing aid have reported that smugglers, including those from TdA, will often charge these fees only to leave migrants stranded or force them to carry drugs across the border.[81]

In some cases, TdA also directly controls the infrastructure used by traveling migrants. Residents of La Parada, in Norte de Santander, for example, told InSight Crime that TdA controls the *pagadiarios (literally meaning "pay each day")*, low-cost housing commonly used by migrants, charging them between US$1-2 per day.[82] In Chile, meanwhile, one investigation revealed how the gang had allegedly purchased buses through a front company in order to transport migrants and drugs.[83]

In addition to offering these smuggling services, TdA has continued to profit from migrant flows simply through controlling key chokepoints, which they use to extort migrants and other smuggling networks operating in the area. Along the Bolivia-Chile border, for example, prosecutors have reported that the group charges US$6 per migrant and US$25 per vehicle that crosses through the areas under its control.[84]

Although it is unclear when the gang made the leap from extortion to providing multi-leg, multi-country smuggling packages, it is clear these operations were boosted by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, when lockdowns prompted border closures across the region, driving more migrants to

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[76] InSight Crime interviews, Venezuelan woman who went to Ecuador by trochas, Caracas, Venezuela, 23 February 2023; police officials in Ipiales, Ipiales, Nariño, 9 February 2023; Manuel Revelo, Personero Municipal, Ipiales, Nariño, 9 February 2023; representative of Pastoral Social, Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia, 10 February 2023; representatives of Cáritas Foundation, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 7 February 2023; sources from the Special Investigation Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Perú National Police, Lima, Perú, 24 April 2023.

[77] InSight Crime interview, Colombian migrant stranded in Arica, Chile, 8 May 2023.

[78] Fiscalía de Tarapacá, "Negocios del Tren de Aragua en Tarapacá, Chile," May 2022.

[79] InSight Crime interview, sources from the Special Investigation Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 24 April 2023.

[80] InSight Crime interview, Venezuelan woman who went to Ecuador by trochas, Caracas, Venezuela, 23 February 2023.

[81] Josefina Ossandón and Nicolás Espinoza Riquelme, "Los secuestros del Tren de Aragua: el largo camino de inmigrantes para llegar a Santiago," BíoBío, 4 May 2023; InSight Crime interviews, migrant stranded in Arica, Chile, 8 May 2023; Padre Lirio, priest and director of migrant shelter in Arica, Chile, 8 May 2023; representatives of Albergue Paso a Paso, Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia, 9 February 2023.

[82] InSight Crime interview, residents of La Parada, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 21 April 2023.

[83] Fiscalía Región de Tarapacá, "Fiscalía y PDI incautan dos buses que adquirió Tren de Aragua para trasladar droga y personas migrantes," 23 May 2023.

[84] Fiscalía de Tarapacá, "Negocios del Tren de Aragua en Tarapacá, Chile," May 2022.

use smugglers.[85] As such, the virus provided a boost to TdA business and likely supercharged the gang's early transnational leap.

Even though borders have reopened as the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided, migrants often continue to use TdA's smuggling services either because of misinformation spread by smugglers,[86] or because they trust gangs more than they trust what they perceive as often-corrupt security forces and migration authorities.[87] Furthermore, along some borders, migration is becoming more "pendular," in which people move back and forth between countries,[88] and there is evidence of the group also charging migrants travelling towards Venezuela, creating a the potential for more consistent source of income for the gang based on return business.

Human trafficking

The expansion of TdA's migrant smuggling business also gave the group a competitive advantage in human trafficking for sexual exploitation, which requires many of the same elements: transportation, accommodation, transnational connections, and a vulnerable population to exploit. Coupled with the low levels of competition in a criminal economy commonly characterized by small, loose-knit, decentralized networks with little armed or territorial presence, this has allowed TdA to establish sex trafficking networks on a scale and with a reach that few other criminal actors have achieved within South America.



[85] UNODC, "COVID-19 Y EL TRÁFICO ILÍCITO DE MIGRANTES," 2021.
[86] InSight Crime interview, representatives of Cáritas Foundation, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 7 February 2023.
[87] Venezuela Investigative Unit, "Venezuela Security Policy: The Criminal Exploitation of the Migrant Crisis," InSight Crime, 4 July 2023.
[88] R4V, "RMNA 2022: Refugee and Migrant Needs Analysis," October 2022.

According to authorities and social workers in Chile,[89] Colombia,[90] and Peru,[91] TdA participates in the entire process of selecting, recruiting, transporting, and exploiting trafficking victims.

The route toward sexual exploitation usually begins online. First, women and are lured by false job offers posted on social media or by other women[92] -- many of whom may also be victims of human trafficking[93] -- or by *enamoramiento* (falling in love), where a member of TdA acts as their boyfriend.[94]

Once they have been convinced to move to another country or accept the job offer, other members of the group arrange transport and accommodation in transit countries,[95] often using the same logistics and infrastructure as migrant smuggling. The overlap between the two businesses also aids the process as trafficking victims traveling with others are less likely to arouse suspicion, especially with girls, as the number of unaccompanied minors and women traveling alone has increased in recent years.[96]

Judicial documents containing testimony from survivors of TdA's trafficking networks show the group has a network of *asesores* (advisors) in different cities that arrange bus tickets for victims, many of whom, at this point, still believe they are traveling towards a legitimate job.[97] However, once they arrive at their destination, women are informed they have a large debt with the group and must pay it off by providing sexual services or recruiting other victims.[98]

These debts are often impossible to pay in full. In Arequipa, Peru, the TdA cell known as the Gallegos has demanded around US$4,000 from victims traveling from Venezuela and US$3,300 from those from Colombia.[99] The group then periodically increases the debt by issuing fines for

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[89] InSight Crime interviews, Raúl Arancibia, Attorney General for Tarapacá, Chile, 19 May 2023; migrant woman in Arica, Chile, 7 May 2023.

[90] InSight Crime interviews, humanitarian workers, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, 19 April 2023; social worker, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia 21 April 2023; expert on gender dynamics in Norte de Santander, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 20 April 2023; Human Rights Defender, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 20 April 2023; Enrique Pertuz, general director of CORPOREDDEH, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 17 April 2023; InSight Crime telephone interview, expert on migration dynamics in Norte de Santander, 8 May 2023.

[91] InSight Crime interview, General Jesús Flores, Director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[92] InSight Crime interview, Corporación Mujer Denuncia y Muévete, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, 19 April 2023; Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022); Natalia Herrera Durán, "Colombia: el centro de operaciones del Tren de Aragua para la explotación sexual," El Espectador, 23 April 2023.

[93] InSight Crime telephone interview, official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, 28 May 2023; InSight Crime interview, General Jesús Flores, director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023.

[94] InSight Crime interviews, General Jesús Flores, Director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; Maholy Sánchez, member of Veneactiva, Lima, Peru, 15 May 2023.

[95] Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[96] Isabel Guerrero, "Se van los niños venezolanos, y se van solos," Armando Info, 2 February 2020; UNDP, "Reinventarse sobre la marcha: Mujeres refugiadas y migrantes de Venezuela Un estudio de sus condiciones y accesos a medios de vida en Colombia, Ecuador y Perú," R4V, 15 September 2020.

[97] Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[98] InSight Crime interviews, source from Attorney General's office, Peru, 27 April 2023; official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, 28 May 2023; Coronel Victor Revoredo, head of the Homicides Investigation Unit of the DIRINCRI, Peru, 4 May 2023; General Jesús Flores, Director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; Maholy Sánchez, member of Veneactiva, Lima, Peru, 15 May 2023; Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[99] Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

arbitrary reasons. Judicial documents show that women were fined between US$172-544 for taking transportation methods that were not controlled by TdA, for example.[100]

TdA's move into urban centers has also provided the gang with both a readymade market and the infrastructure to exploit women and girls. Human trafficking victims are usually kept in hotels or houses rented by TdA in cities like Lima in Peru, and Cúcuta and Villa del Rosario in Colombia. There can be between 15 and 30 women in each house, authorities told InSight Crime,[101] and the gang often rotates its victims between cities and even countries to keep them from building community and so they can advertise "new women" for clients.[102]

These women and girls are exploited in venues such as bars and brothels, and also for online services such as webcams or connecting with clients looking for "escort" services via websites or messaging services such as WhatsApp, Telegram, and Snapchat.[103] The gang also transports women and girls to remote areas with a transient population such as illegal mining zones, where profits can be even higher, according to testimony one alleged gang member gave to a humanitarian worker.[104]

Victims are kept under constant surveillance.[105] Often they are only allowed to move around using taxi services controlled by the organization, which serves a double purpose: it keeps the women from reaching out for help and keeps their sexual exploitation hidden.[106] TdA also uses threats of violence to keep women from reporting their situation and seeking help. Gang members may call victims constantly to berate them or send messages threatening them or their families in Venezuela.[107]

Women who leave, or try to do so, are sometimes killed, and their murders are used to scare other women into silence and compliance.[108] Judicial documents and audiovisual materials obtained by InSight Crime documented instances where videos and images of these murders were circulated

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[100] Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[101] InSight Crime interview, General Jesús Flores, Director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023.

[102] InSight Crime interviews, General Jesús Flores, Director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; social worker in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 20 April 2023; official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, 28 May 2023; Rogelio Pita Jiménez, specialized prosecutor against organized crime in Tumbes, 2 May 2023; Nelson Ricardo Matta Colorado, "'Tren de Aragua" raptó a su hija y John los persigue por 4 países," El Colombiano, 23 October 2022.

[103] Natalia Herrera Durán, "Los audios que revelan cómo opera el Tren de Aragua en Colombia," El Espectador, 23 April 2023; Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[104] InSight Crime interview, Maholy Sánchez, member of Veneactiva, Lima, Perú, 15 May 2023.

[105] InSight Crime interviews, Coronel Victor Revoredo, head of the Homicides Investigation Unit of the DIRINCRI, Peru, 4 May 202; General Jesús Flores, Director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022); Natalia Herrera Durán, "Colombia: el centro de operaciones del Tren de Aragua para la explotación sexual," El Espectador, 23 April 2023.

[106] Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[107] Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022); InSight Crime interview, Maholy Sánchez, member of Veneactiva, Lima, Peru, 15 May 2023.

[108] InSight Crime interviews, Coronel Víctor Revoredo, chief of Homicide Investigations Direction, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 4 May 2023; General Jesús Flores, director against trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; Jorge Chávez Cotrina, senior prosecutor and national coordinator of Specialized Prosecutor's Offices against Organized Crime, 25 April 2023.

on social media and sent to survivors with threats and warnings, revictimizing the women in the videos and making gender-based violence an instrument of control used by the group.[109]

Authorities and humanitarian workers in Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru also told InSight Crime that many women are not aware that they are victims of human trafficking or are reluctant to seek help because of their irregular migratory status. Many victims also refrain from reporting their situation for fear of being revictimized or being made to feel responsible for falling into the hands of traffickers.[110]

Extortion

In addition to extorting migrants, TdA runs more generalized extortion rackets. This usually takes place in two stages. During the exploration phase, the gang begins extorting Venezuelan communities that have settled in these countries, then as it enters the penetration phase, it moves into extorting local businesses. As extorting local businesses requires more logistics and territorial control, the group's participation in this criminal economy is a hallmark of its entrenchment, and in cities like Bogotá and Lima, it has confronted local gangs for control of this illegal revenue stream.[111]

The gang's involvement in extortion often begins with targeting sex workers, who are left highly vulnerable by the stigma and criminalization of sex work and the lack of protection provided by authorities. The gang commonly begins by targeting Venezuelan sex workers, who are even more vulnerable due to their illegal migration status and economic situation, which often leads them to sex work in the first place. It then expands operations to include local women as well.[112]

As it becomes more established, TdA expands its range of targets. Authorities in Colombia and Peru told InSight Crime that the group extorts a range of businesses like bus companies, restaurants, shops, and construction sites.[113]

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[109] Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[110] UNODC, "Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2022," 24 January 2023; InSight Crime interviews, representatives of Albergue Paso a Paso, Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia, 9 February 2023; prosecutor in Carchí province, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 8 February 2022; representatives of Cáritas Foundation, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 7 February 2023; Maholy Sánchez, member of Veneactiva, Lima, Peru, 15 May 2023; social worker, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, 21 April 2023; InSight Crime telephone interview, Chiara Marinelli, investigator at Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru, 1 March 2023.

[111] InSight Crime interview, General Triana, Bogotá Metropolitan Police, 27 February 2023; sources from the Criminal Investigation Directorate of the Peru National Police in Arequipa, 30 April 2023; official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, 28 May 2023; InSight Crime telephone interview, Andres Nieto, investigator at Universidad Central, 23 February 2023; Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[112] InSight Crime interviews, police investigators, Tulcán, Ecuador, 6 February 2023; social leaders in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 20 April 2023; expert on migration dynamics in Norte de Santander, 8 May 2023; General Triana, Bogotá Metropolitan Police, 27 February 2023 and 4 November 2022; Rosa Chávez Yacila and Marco Garro, "Tren de Aragua en Lima: cobros de cupos, muerte y extorsión a trabajadoras sexuales trans," Ojo Público, 28 May 2023; Juan Pablo Contreras, "Trabajadoras sexuales en Bogotá dicen ser extorsionadas por el Tren de Aragua," El Tiempo, 2 May 2023.

[113] InSight Crime interviews, General Oscar Arriola, head of Criminal Investigation Directorate, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 22 April 2023; Colonel José Gutierrez Mori, head of Divincri Tumbes, Peru, 29 April 2023; police investigators, Tulcán, Ecuador, 6 February 2023; Diego Muñoz, Defensor del Pueblo in Carchí province, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 8 February 2022; Yaco Marlon Martínez Pérez, governor of Carchí province, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 8 February 2022; General Triana, Commander of Bogotá Metropolitan Police, 27 February 2023; General Carlos Triana, Commander of Bogotá Metropolitan Police, 4 November 2022; police officials in Ipiales, Ipiales, Nariño, 9 February 2023.

TdA's use of violence against its victims and rival groups has been key in establishing extortion rackets in Colombia, Peru, and Chile, where it has been linked with dismemberments, hired killings, and gender-based violence.[114]

This has been especially evident in its extortion of sex workers. In cities like Lima and Arequipa in Peru;[115] as well as Cúcuta, and Bogotá in Colombia,[116] sex workers have reported that TdA uses threats and intimidation to demand extortion fees in exchange for "security." Those who refuse to pay can be beaten or killed.[117] The gang is also known to use footage of violence against sex workers to scare others into paying.[118] This was the case of two trans women in Perú who were murdered by TdA in early 2023. A recording of the crime was widely shared by members of the group on social media as a warning to other sex workers who refused to pay.[119]

Drug trafficking and microtrafficking

TdA has also expanded to control the microtrafficking of drugs in some urban territories, especially in areas where it has entered the consolidation phase. The gang sells a variety of drugs

[114] InSight Crime interviews, police investigators, Tulcán, Ecuador, 6 February 2023; journalist in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, 18 April 2023; humanitarian workers, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, 19 April 2023; residents of La Parada, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 21 April 2023; representative of Pastoral Social, Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia, 10 February 2023; General Oscar Arriola, Head of Criminal Investigation Directorate, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 22 April 2023; Coronel Víctor Revoredo, Chief of Homicide Investigations Direction, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 4 May 2023; General Jesús Flores, director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; sources from the Special Investigation Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 24 April 2023; Jorge Chávez Cotrina, Senior Prosecutor and National Coordinator of Specialized Prosecutor's Offices against Organized Crime 25 April 2023; migrant woman in Arica, Chile, 7 May 2023; Jorge Días Ibarra, governor of Arica and Parinacota, Chile, 2 May 2023.

[115] InSight Crime interviews, official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, 28 May 2023; Coronel Víctor Revoredo, Chief of Homicide Investigations Division, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 4 May 2023; General Jesús Flores, Director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; sources from the Special Investigation Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 24 April 2023.

[116] InSight Crime interviews, residents of La Parada, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 21 April 2023; social leaders in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 20 April 2023; General Carlos Triana, Commander of Bogotá Metropolitan Police, 27 February 2023; General Carlos Triana, Commander of Bogotá Metropolitan Police, 4 November 2022; InSight Crime telephone interview, expert on migration dynamics in Norte de Santander, 8 May 2023.

[117] Rosa Chávez Yacila and Marco Garro, "Tren de Aragua en Lima: cobros de cupos, muerte y extorsión a trabajadoras sexuales trans," Ojo Público, 28 May 2023; Juan Pablo Contreras, "Trabajadoras sexuales en Bogotá dicen ser extorsionadas por el Tren de Aragua," El Tiempo, 2 May 2023.

[118] La República, "¿Quién es la 'Guaireña', la acusada de mandar a asesinar a trabajadoras sexuales por no pagar cupos?," 6 May 2023.

[119] El Comercio TV, "Trans: cupo o muerte, el drama de las trabajadoras sexuales en el centro de Lima," 30 June 2023; Rosa Chávez Yacila and Marco Garro, "Tren de Aragua en Lima: cobros de cupos, muerte y extorsión a trabajadoras sexuales trans," Ojo Público, 28 May 2023.

directly to consumers, including marijuana,[120] cocaine,[121] ketamine,[122] MDMA,[123] and the synthetic drug known as tusi,[124] usually in neighborhoods that were previous criminal hotspots, where the group takes over existing markets established by local gangs.[125]

Police investigations in Colombia, Peru, and Chile have discovered evidence of the gang also moving small shipments of drugs within and across national borders to storage houses in urban centers under its control, such as Bogotá, Lima, Arequipa, and Santiago.

The methods and routes used suggest the group is leveraging its knowledge and control over migrant smuggling routes to expand into drug trafficking.[126] In Chile, the gang has been reported to use domestic buses to move drugs,[127] again in smaller quantities, and in the Bolivian border region these buses are also allegedly used to smuggle migrants.[128] TdA has also been reported to deploy the "*hormiga*" (ant) method of using multiple individuals to move small quantities across a border. To do this, they often force migrants to carry packages that are typically one kilogram

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[120] **Antonio González**, "PDI detiene a 18 extranjeros vinculados al Tren de Aragua: incautan casi 270 kilos de droga y armas," **BioBio Chile**, **25 January 2023**; **NTN24**, "Autoridades colombianas realizan importante incautación al Tren de Aragua en una vivienda de Bogotá," **9 April 2023**; **@PoliciaPeru**, Twitter, **1 April 2023**.

[121] **Paula Pareja**, "PDI detiene a 11 miembros del Tren de Aragua: organización criminal compró buses para transportar migrantes y droga desde el norte hasta la RM," **La Tercera**, **22 May 2023**; **Diego Vera**, "Tren de Aragua en Arica: 13 de los 17 detenidos en Cerro Chuño quedan en prisión preventiva," **BioBio Chile**, **17 June 2022**; **Fiscalía General de la Nación**, "Judicializados presuntos integrantes del Tren de Aragua que estarían extorsionando empleados y comerciantes en Ipiales (Nariño)," **25 November 2022**.

[122] **Catalina Olate, Antonia Mora, and Nicolás Sepúlveda**, "Identifican a 350 miembros del Tren de Aragua en Chile: videos y testimonios revelan las espeluznantes torturas a sus víctimas," **CIPER**, **24 May 2023**; **Carlos Reyes**, "Tren del Norte II: Fiscalía de Arica da cuenta de droga incautada por más de $670 millones a clan Los Gallegos," **La Tercera**, **17 January 2023**; **Fiscalía Ministerio Público de Chile**, "Operativo de SACFI Occidente y PDI logra detener y formalizar a 7 integrantes de clan "Los Gallegos" de San Bernardo," **9 August 2022**.

[123] **Antonio González**, "PDI detiene a 18 extranjeros vinculados al Tren de Aragua: incautan casi 270 kilos de droga y armas," **BioBio Chile**, **25 January 2023**; **Paula Pareja**, "PDI detiene a 11 miembros del Tren de Aragua: organización criminal compró buses para transportar migrantes y droga desde el norte hasta la RM," **La Tercera**, **22 May 2023**; **Fiscalía de Colombia en Twitter**, **16 May 2023**.

[124] **Óscar Chumpitaz**, "Presunto integrante del Tren de Aragua intentó pasar droga y arma a sede de la PNP," **La República**, **7 January 2023**; **RPP**, "Lurigancho-Chosica: detienen a 61 personas vinculadas a la banda criminal Tren de Aragua," **18 April 2023**; **Wilder Pari**, "Los Gallegos, entre crímenes, trata de mujeres, drogas y extorsión," **La República**, **3 December 2022**.

[125] **Sylvia Charry**, "Los bienes incautados al Tren de Aragua que valen más de 5.000 millones de pesos," **Cambio Colombia**, **21 April 2023**; **Antonio González**, "PDI detiene a 18 extranjeros vinculados al Tren de Aragua: incautan casi 270 kilos de droga y armas," **BioBio Chile**, **25 January 2023**; **Cooperativa.cl**, "PDI detuvo a 11 supuestos miembros del "Tren de Aragua" con 170 kilos de droga," **22 May 2023**.

[126] **CNN Chile**, "Tren de Aragua en Chile: Fiscal de Arica analiza banda de tráfico de drogas y armas," **17 June 2022**; **Diego Vera**, "Tren de Aragua en Arica: 13 de los 17 detenidos en Cerro Chuño quedan en prisión preventiva," **BioBio Chile**, **17 June 2022**.

[127] **Paula Pareja**, "PDI detiene a 11 miembros del Tren de Aragua: organización criminal compró buses para transportar migrantes y droga desde el norte hasta la RM," **La Tercera**, **22 May 2023**.

[128] **Paula Pareja**, "PDI detiene a 11 miembros del Tren de Aragua: organización criminal compró buses para transportar migrantes y droga desde el norte hasta la RM," **La Tercera**, **22 May 2023**; **Víctor García**, "Golpe al Tren de Aragua en Chile: la organización criminal había comprado un autobús para transportar migrantes y droga," **Infobae**, **23 May 2023**; **Fiscalía Región de Tarapacá**, "Fiscalía y PDI incautan dos buses que adquirió Tren de Aragua para trasladar droga y personas migrantes," **23 May 2023**.

or less of drugs, across the border into Chile,[129] and the border between Ipiales, Colombia, and Tulcán, Ecuador.[130]

There are also some indications that the group is moving into the small-scale production of some drugs.[131] A Peruvian National Police investigation discovered that a Gallegos had its own facility to produce the tusi,[132][133] and another investigation in Chile led to a small seizure of coca base paste and precursor chemicals.[134]

However, these discoveries do not yet suggest that the group is moving into transnational drug trafficking or becoming an important drug producer. Tusi is relatively easy to produce, while the limited size of the shipments being moved suggest they are likely intended to supply the group's own local drug sales networks rather than for export.[135] While authorities have reported seizing substantial quantities of drugs from the gang, including 18 kilograms of cocaine[136] and 263 kilograms of marijuana[137] in Chile, these have come from multiple raids on distinct drug storage and distribution points rather than from single shipments discovered in transit.

For the time being, there is little evidence the gang has the criminal connections, logistical capacity, or state penetration required to move large shipments of drugs for transnational networks. However, the more extensive their microtrafficking networks become, the more likely they are to develop their own drug smuggling and production capabilities.

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[129] Unidad de Análisis Criminal y Focos Investigativos Región de Tarapacá, "Negocios del tren de Aragua en Tarapacá, Chile," May 2022; Laura Ávila, "How Tren de Aragua Controls the Destiny of Migrants from Venezuela to Chile," InSight Crime, 25 July 2022; InSight Crime interview, migrant stranded in Arica, 7 May 2023.

[130] InSight Crime interviews, representatives of Cáritas Foundation, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 7 February 2023; Diego Muñoz, Defensor del Pueblo in Carchí province, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 8 February 2022.

[131] InSight Crime interviews, source from the Attorney General's Office, Peru, 27 April 2023; General Oscar Manuel Arrila Delgado, Head of the Dirincri of the Peruvian National Police, Peru, 22 April 2023; sources from the Attorney General's office focused on Organized Crime, Arequipa, Peru, 28 May 2023.

[132] Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022); Wilder Pari, "Los Gallegos, entre crímenes, trata de mujeres, drogas y extorsión," La República, 3 December 2022.

[133] Tusi is the common name for the drug 2CB, although in many cases what is sold on the market does not contain 2CB but is instead a mix of other drugs such as cocaine or ketamine dyed pink.

[134] Fiscalía Ministerio Público de Chile, "Operativo de SACFI Occidente y PDI logra detener y formalizar a 7 integrantes de clan "Los Gallegos" de San Bernardo," 9 August 2022.

[135] @PoliciaPeru, Twitter, 1 April 2023; Oscar Chumpitz, "Cae una integrante del aparato intelectual y contable de la red criminal Los Gallegos," La República, 27 February 2023; @PoliciaPeru, Twitter, 11 March 2022.

[136] Paula Pareja, "Tren de Aragua: organización criminal compró buses para transportar migrantes y droga desde el norte hasta la RM," La Tercera, 22 May 2023.

[137] Antonio González, "PDI detiene a 18 extranjeros vinculados al Tren de Aragua: incautan casi 270 kilos de droga y armas," EFE, 25 January 2023.

Loan sharking

TdA has taken control of *gota a gota* loan sharking operations in some Peruvian urban areas,[138] and there are unconfirmed reports it has also moved in on the trade in parts of Colombia.[139] These loan sharking rackets involve the gang providing informal loans at exorbitant interest rates.

Victims include small business owners, migrants, and anyone who cannot access traditional bank loans and feel they have no other options.[140] In many cases, victims end up paying back up to five times the original loan amount.[141] To ensure payment, gang members take photos of victims' identification documents and their homes so they can later threaten them when they do not pay on time.[142]

Much like extortion, loan sharking demonstrates TdA's penetration into local criminal economies. The launch of these schemes shows the group has acquired sufficient capital to finance the operations, and while it does target migrants, its main source of income is local businesses and residents.

Kidnapping

Authorities have reported that TdA is involved in kidnappings in Peru and Chile. In Peru, security forces have highlighted the violence and unpredictability of the gang's kidnapping activities, reporting that the group may kill its victims even if the ransom is paid or that it does not respect agreed upon ransom amounts, increasing its demands after it receives payment.[143] One source in the Arequipa Attorney General's office claimed that TdA has used kidnappings to subjugate rival gangs, and that some of the gang's cells have members who specialize in this criminal economy.[144] While details on the group's modus operandi in Chile are more scarce, several alleged gang

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[138] InSight Crime interviews, Jorge Chávez Cotrina, Senior Prosecutor and national Coordinator of Specialized Prosecutor's Office against Organized Crime, 25 April 2023; Coronel Victor Revoredo, Head of the Homicide Investigations unit of the Dirincri, Peru, 4 May 2023; General Oscar Manuel Arriola Delgado, head of the Criminal Investigations Directorate of the Dirincri of the Peruvian National Police, 22 April 2023; General Luis Jesús Flores Solís, director of anti-human trafficking and migrant smuggling unit of the Peruvian National Police, Peru, 20 April 2023; Interior Ministry of Peru, "En menos de un mes capturan a más de 100 personas vinculadas a bandas del "gota a gota," 13 May 2023.

[139] El Espectador, "$50 millones de recompensa por información de autores de triple homicidio en Kennedy," 25 August 2022; Aymara Higuera, "Concejal de Bogotá: Tren de Aragua amenaza a estudiantes de un colegio," El Pitazo, 19 September 2022; Yeannaly Fermín, "La huella criminal del Tren de Aragua en América Latina," RunRun.es, 28 August 2022.

[140] Óscar Chumpitaz, "Colombianos y venezolanos en guerra por el dominio del 'gota a gota'," La República, 2 May 2023; Latina Noticias, "El minuto a minuto de los prestamistas del "gota a gota" del Tren de Aragua," 19 June 2023; Ministerio del Interior, "El préstamo gota a gota es un delito," 21 April 2023; Boris Miranda, "Qué son los préstamos "gota a gota" que grupos criminales de Colombia exportan al resto de América Latina," BBC News, 21 October 2016.

[141] Latina Noticias, "El minuto a minuto de los prestamistas del "gota a gota" del Tren de Aragua," 19 June 2023; Ministerio del Interior, "El préstamo gota a gota es un delito," 21 April 2023; Ricardo Mc Cubbin, "PNP captura a 7 personas involucradas en la modalidad de préstamos y extorsión gota a gota," La República, 2 June 2023.

[142] Latina Noticias, "El minuto a minuto de los prestamistas del "gota a gota" del Tren de Aragua," 19 June 2023; Ricardo Mc Cubbin, "PNP captura a 7 personas involucradas en la modalidad de préstamos y extorsión gota a gota," La República, 2 June 2023; Ministerio del Interior, "El préstamo gota a gota es un delito," 21 April 2023.

[143] InSight Crime interviews, Oscar Manuel Arriola Delgado, head of the Criminal Investigation Directorate of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 22 April 2023; sources from the Special Investigative Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Peruvian National Police, Peru, 24 April 2023.

[144] InSight Crime interview, sources from the second dispatch of the Attorney General's office specialized in organized crime in Arequipa, Peru, 30 April 2023.

members arrested in Tarapacá, on the country's northern border, have been charged with kidnapping.[145]

The Connections that Indicate a Network

TdA's expansion has seen cells form in reaction to the local context in each area, and its regional growth is neither uniform nor homogenous. The various cells in different countries, or within a single country, operate and interact with each other in unique ways. However, law enforcement and journalistic investigations across South America have shown that together many of the cells form an integrated network connected to the Venezuela-based leadership in Tocorón prison.

While each cell may specialize in a specific criminal economy based on local conditions, security forces report that most share the same basic modus operandi and pyramid-type structure, in which there is clear leadership.[146] Security forces in both Peru and Chile have highlighted TdA cells' hierarchical and sometimes specialized structures,[147] suggesting that the gang's model abroad could mirror its *pranato* structure in Venezuela. However, InSight Crime has found no evidence to date confirming that cells use the same terminology as in Venezuela.

Coordination between these cells is necessary to manage transnational criminal economies, such as migrant smuggling and human trafficking, while there are also movements of personnel between cells. In Colombia and Peru, gang members from urban cells are reported to rotate between different cells in the same country when pressure from security forces increases in one area,[148] while there are also reports of members moving across borders between cells in Chile and Peru.[149]

There is substantial evidence that most of these cells have direct operational and financial ties to the TdA leaders that run the gang from Tocorón prison.

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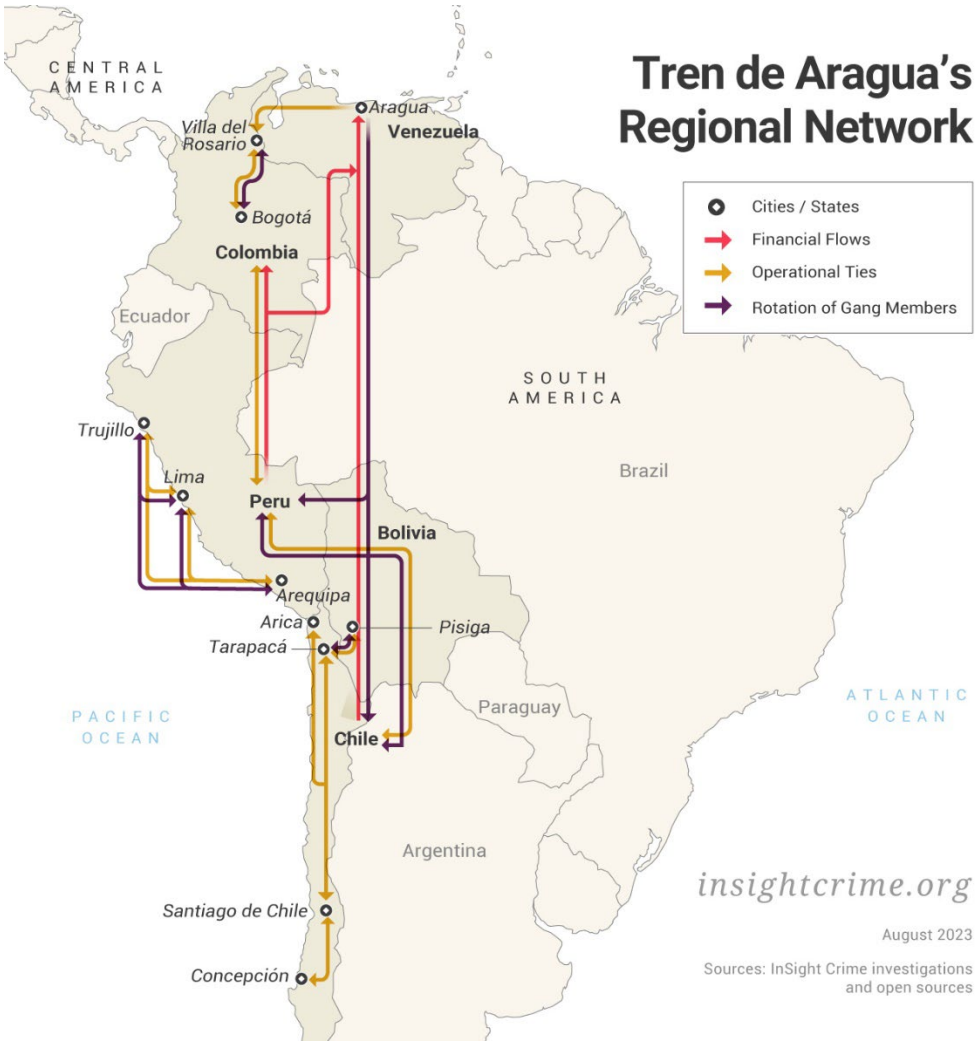
[145] Policía de Investigaciones de Chile, "Informe Resultados Gestión Operativa 2022," no date.

[146] InSight Crime interviews, sources from the Criminal Investigation Division of the Peruvian National Police, Arequipa, Peru, 30 April 2023; official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, 28 May 2023; General Oscar Arriola, head of Criminal Investigation Directorate, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 22 April 2023; Coronel Víctor Revoredo, chief of Homicide Investigations Direction, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 4 May 2023; General Jesús Flores, director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; sources from the Special Investigation Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 24 April 2023; Jorge Chávez Cotrina, senior prosecutor and national Coordinator of Specialized Prosecutor's Office against Organized Crime, 25 April 2023; Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[147] InSight Crime interviews, source from the Peruvian Attorney General's office, 27 April 2023; General Luis Flores, director of Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti-Human Smuggling Unit of the Peruvian National Police, 20 April 2023; sources from the Criminal Investigation Division of the Peruvian National Police in Arequipa, Peru, 30 April 2023; Fiscalía de Tarapacá, "Negocios del Tren de Aragua en Tarapacá, Chile," May 2022.

[148] InSight Crime interview, security official in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 21 April 2023; InSight Crime telephone interview, official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, 28 May 2023.

[149] El Dínamo, "Arnel, el líder del Tren de Aragua que ha obtenido más de $400 millones en Arica y que moviliza a Chile y Peru," 6 July 2023; Cristián Torres, "Quién es Satanás, el peligroso sicario del Tren de Aragua capturado en Chile que será extraditado a Venezuela," Infobae, 25 January 2023.



Peruvian authorities have described the gang's hierarchy as having direct links to Tocorón,[150] while a source from the Attorney General's office said investigations have shown that the leaders of all four cells in Peru were previously imprisoned in Tocorón and that they were sent abroad under orders from the gang leadership.[151] The gang has even received replacement leaders sent from Tocorón after other leaders have been arrested, according to Peruvian authorities.[152]

Peruvian authorities have also reported that cells in the country make payments directly to the organization in Venezuela.[153] Investigators have traced various methods, including Western

[150] InSight Crime interviews, sources from the Criminal Investigation Division of the Peruvian National Police, Arequipa, Peru, 30 April 2023; official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, 28 May 2023; General Jesús Flores, director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[151] InSight Crime interview, source from Peruvian Attorney General's office, 27 April 2023.

[152] InSight Crime interviews, source from the Peruvian Attorney General's office, 27 April 2023; General Luis Flores, director of Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti-Human Smuggling Unit of the Peruvian National Police, 20 April 2023.

[153] InSight Crime interviews, official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, 28 May 2023; Coronel Víctor Revoredo, chief of Homicide Investigations Direction, Perú National Police, Lima, Perú, 4 May 2023.

Union transfers,[154] shell companies,[155] and money sent through the bank accounts of victims' family members.[156] The transfers are typically small amounts: around US$500 at a time, although the money tracked added up to at least US$109,727 between 2019 and 2022.[157] Cells in Chile have also built varied money laundering networks, which clean the money before it is transferred to Tocorón, often through Western Union transfers or Bitcoin, according to prosecutors' investigations.[158]

Colombian police, however, have struggled to directly link the cells in Bogotá and Norte de Santander with the organization in Venezuela. In Villa del Rosario, local sources suggested that the money earned along the border goes to Cúcuta, rather than to Venezuela,[159] although it is also possible that a cut is later sent to Tocorón.

The Future of Tren de Aragua and its Transnational Expansion Model

There is a long history of organized crime networks expanding transnationally by following migration patterns, from the mafia networks that set up in Italian diaspora populations in the United States, to the MS13 and Barrio 18 gangs that took root in Central America after members were caught up in a US deportation campaign.[160] Nor is the criminal exploitation of migrants a new phenomenon. It has become increasingly common in recent years in places such as Mexico, where drug trafficking groups have capitalized on the floods of migrants seeking refuge in the United States to diversify into extortion, kidnapping and migrant smuggling. The business is so consolidated there that the word *coyote*, which describes a migrant smuggler in Mexico, has entered the popular vernacular across the region.

However, the speed and scale with which TdA has capitalized on the Venezuelan migrant crisis to grow beyond Venezuela's borders represents a new challenge to regional authorities. It also raises questions as to whether it represents a new model for the transnational expansion of Venezuelan criminal groups, and regional organized crime in general. To evaluate whether this is the case requires an analysis of whether the group could expand further, whether its presence in host countries is sustainable, and whether other groups could follow the path it has opened up.

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[154] InSight Crime interviews, General Jesús Flores, director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; sources from the Special Investigation Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 24 April 2023.

[155] InSight Crime interview, General Jesús Flores, Director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023.

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[157] Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022) InSight Crime interview, sources from the Special Investigation Brigade Against Foreign Crime of the Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 24 April 2023.

[158] InSight Crime interview, Raúl Arancibia, regional Attorney General in Tarapacá, Chile, 19 May 2023; Unidad de Análisis Criminal y Focos Investigativos Región de Tarapacá, "Negocios del tren de Aragua en Tarapacá, Chile," May 2022.

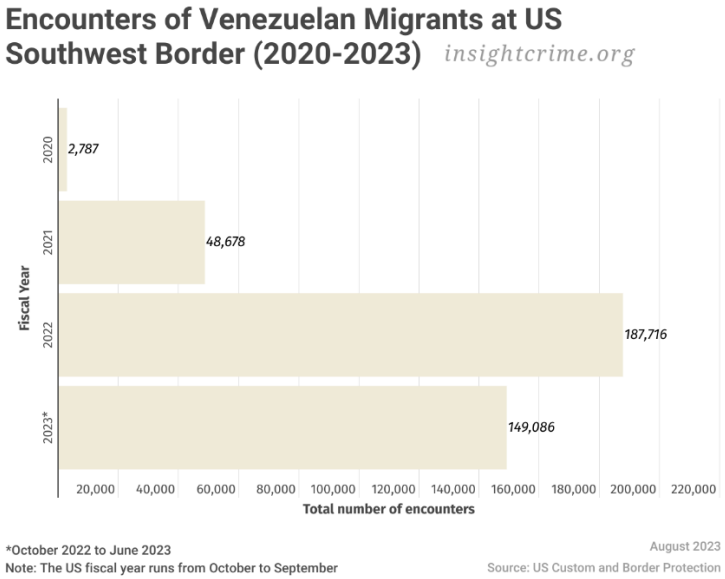
[159] InSight Crime interview, residents of La Parada, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 23 April 2023.

[160] InSight Crime, "MS13," 22 September 2021; InSight Crime, "Barrio 18," 30 May 2023.

The Tren de Aragua Expansion: Slowed but not Exhausted

Although the flow of Venezuelan migrants has slowed since its peak in 2018, hundreds of thousands continue to seek refuge abroad every year, and millions now live in countries around the region, many of whom now move back and forth between Venezuela and host countries, providing repeat business for smugglers. Parallel to this, while the dizzying pace of TdA's international expansion has now also clearly slowed, opportunities to continue to expand remain.

These opportunities are present in countries where the group is already established, in countries along the southern migration routes where the gang has yet to establish itself, and along new routes that have opened up as migration patterns have shifted, most notably in the corridor moving through Colombia, up to Central America and Mexico en route to the United States, which has seen a huge rise in migration numbers since early 2022.[161]



In Colombia, Peru, and Chile, there is a risk TdA will use its established footholds to set up new cells in different urban centers or other strategic areas where it has criminal opportunities and limited competition. The group now has the opportunity to use its established network as a base to carry out a more coordinated and planned exploration of sites with potential for expansion. This risk is highest where the group is most consolidated: in Chile and in particular Peru, where authorities are currently investigating five smaller cells that may be connected to the network in the cities of Arequipa, Lima, El Callao, Chimbote, and Piura.[162]

The risk is also present in Colombia, despite the limitations of its already crowded criminal landscape. Since the appearance of the cell in Bogotá, there have been reports of TdA activity in

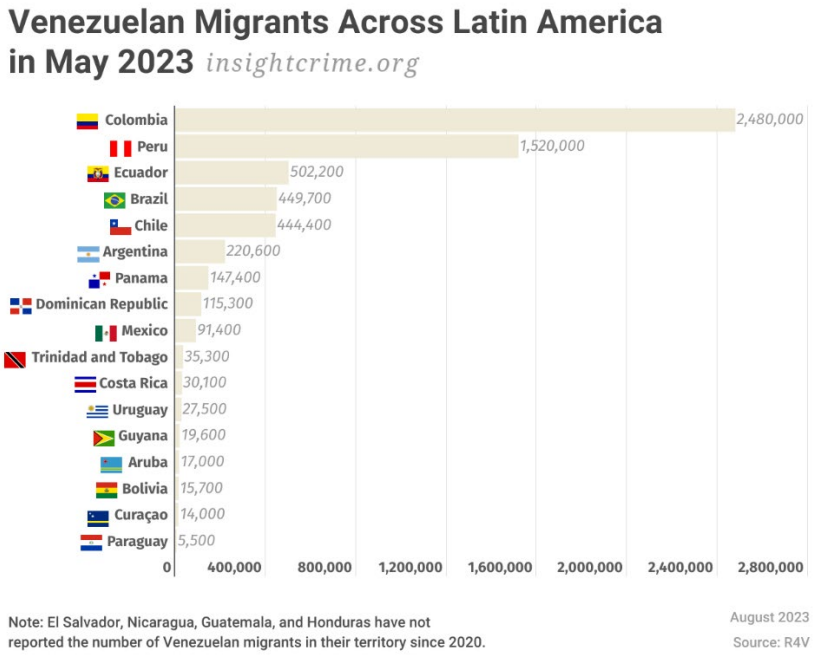
[161] US Customs and Border Protection, "Nationwide Encounters," accessed 24 July 2023.

[162] InSight Crime interviews, Colonel Victor Revoredo, head of the Homicides Investigation Unit of the DIRINCRI, Peru, 4 May 2023; General Jesús Flores, director against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling of the Peruvian National Police, Lima, Peru, 20 April 2023; General Oscar Arriola, head of Criminal Investigation Directorate, Peru National Police, Lima, Peru, 22 April 2023; source from the Attorney General's Office, 27 April 2023.

the cities of Barranquilla,[163] Ipiales,[164] Cali,[165] and more recently Bucaramanga,[166] although in each case it remains unconfirmed whether these are genuine TdA cells with a permanent presence.

The group may also seek to progress in the countries where it appears to have made initial explorations: especially Ecuador, which remains a major transit and destination country for Venezuelan migrants, as well as Brazil and Bolivia. However, it faces limitations in each of these, with high levels of criminal competition in Brazil and a language barrier, as well as established and aggressive gangs in Ecuador, and a small Venezuelan diaspora in Bolivia.

There also remain some countries in the region without a known TdA presence but with the sort of conditions the group has sought out, presenting the risk they could be targeted by the group in the future.



Following the southern route of expansion so far taken, Argentina hosts at least 220,000 Venezuelan migrants as of January 2023, with another 27,000 in neighboring Uruguay.[167] Both countries have urban centers that could provide criminal opportunities with relatively low

[163] El Heraldo, "Control de la ruta del narcotráfico, fin del 'Tren de Aragua' en la Costa," 11 September 2022; Leonardo Herrera Delgans, "Tren de Aragua amenaza a la candidata del Pacto Histórico en Barranquilla," El Tiempo, 11 July 2023.
[164] El Universal, "Las trochas fronterizas en el norte del Ecuador se disputan a sangre y fuego," 8 August 2021.
[165] Andrés Julián Trujillo, "Lo que hay detrás de la presencia del 'Tren de Aragua ' y carteles mexicanos de la droga en Cali", El País Cali, 15 March 2023; Lina Cárdenas, "El 'Tren de Aragua' estaría controlando el transporte pirata en Cali," RCN, 8 March 2023; Noticias RCN, "El Tren de Aragua estaría operando en varias regiones del país," 28 August 2022.
[166] Blu Radio, "Cae temida banda de sicarios y jíbaros señalada de tener nexos con el Tren de Aragua en Bucaramanga," 18 July 2023.
[167] R4V, "Refugees and migrants from Venezuela," accessed 24 July 2023.

barriers for entry and limited competition, but so far there is no evidence the gang has attempted to capitalize on these opportunities.

Closer to home, everywhere from Guyana to the islands of the south Caribbean offer significant criminal opportunities and are important destinations for Venezuelan migrants. However, they often have far from ideal conditions with small populations and high levels of criminal competition. In these countries too, there has so far been no signs of TdA attempting to expand in these countries.

The rapid surge in Venezuelan migrants heading north through Central America and Mexico towards the United States over the last 18 months could also open up new territories, especially as the US-led drive to limit migrant flows creates lucrative opportunities for migrant smugglers, and bottlenecks of vulnerable migrant populations that can be preyed upon and exploited.[168]

Fears of the Tren de Aragua's presence in the Darién gap, on the Colombia-Panama border have been related to the massive increase of Venezuelan migrant flows through the area since 2022.[169] However, investigations have found that the Darién Gap is tightly controlled by the AGC, which enforces rules regarding migrant smuggling towards Panama, such as deciding the routes smugglers can use and prohibiting violence against migrants.[170] In this context, the group's expansion towards the Darién Gap would likely be met with violent resistance, as the Urabá region is the birthplace and stronghold of the AGC, and Tren de Aragua activities in the area would not go unnoticed.

Further north, most of these opportunities are concentrated in Mexico, where they are controlled by powerful criminal groups, including some of the most notorious names in regional organized crime, such as the Sinaloa Cartel, the Jalisco Cartel New Generation (Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generación – CJNG), and the Gulf Cartel (Cartel del Golfo).[171]

Although there are some unverified reports of the gang's presence in some Mexican migrant camps,[172] there has so far been little concrete evidence to suggest TdA is attempting to enter this market. Nonetheless there is a latent risk that although TdA is unlikely to challenge the power of Mexican criminal groups, it could seek to partner with them, for example by charging a commission to deliver Venezuelan migrants to established smuggling networks.

Similarly, there is currently little evidence to suggest the gang is trying to establish a presence along earlier stages of the northern migrant routes. The Central American countries migrants traverse prior to reaching Mexico offer a mix of high levels of criminal competition from gangs such as the maras of MS13 and Barrio 18; hostile environments, such as El Salvador's current hardline anti-gang crackdown; and limited criminal opportunities. However, TdA's arrival to a

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[168] InSight Crime, "How US Immigration Policy Foments Organized Crime on the US-Mexico Border," 28 June 2023.

[169] GIFMM Colombia, "GIFMM Colombia: Situación de personas refugiadas y migrantes en tránsito en Necoclí - 1a quincena de julio 2023," R4V, 1 August 2023; Servicio Nacional de Migración, "Irregulares en tránsito por Darién por país 2022," Datos Abiertos de Panamá, 16 January 2023

[170] Andrés Cajiao, Paula Tobo, and Mariana Botero Restrepo, "La frontera del Clan: Migración irregular y crimen organizado en el Darién," Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, November 2022

[171] Parker Asmann and Steven Dudley, "Desperation in the Desert: The Industrialization of Migrant Smuggling on the US-Mexico Border," InSight Crime, 5 October 2022; El Universal, "Golfo, CJNG y Sinaloa, detrás del tráfico de migrantes," 11 December 2021.

[172] Oscar Misael Hernández-Hernández, "El Tren de Aragua en un campamento de migrantes en Matamoros, México," unpublished, document obtained by authors on 14 July 2023.

country with relatively low barriers to entry and a significant diaspora, such as Panama and Costa Rica, cannot be ruled out.

In addition, the group retains the potential to enter new, more lucrative criminal economies. Most criminal syndicates in Latin America have gone transnational off the back of the drug trade. The more than TdA consolidates its smuggling and movement corridors, its infiltration of security forces and local distribution of drugs, the greater the likelihood of an expansion of its involvement in the drug trade, especially if its migrant-linked income continues to shrink. This is a huge red flag and something that must be watched. If a drug shipment of more than 300 kilos is linked to the TdA, that might be an indication that it has made another criminal leap.

Is Tren de Aragua Here to Stay?

TdA's local cells have continued to move through the three phases in countries where the group is already established, even as its expansion into new territories has slowed. The extent to which the group can consolidate and then maintain this network will depend in part on future shifts in migration flows, but also on whether it can survive targeted security forces operations and criminal competition abroad, while continuing to enjoy virtual impunity at home.

As Venezuela's economic and political situation has stabilized to a limited extent, the overall numbers of migrants leaving the country has fallen, which equates to falling income for TdA. However, the country remains a long way from recovering from the turmoil of recent times, the economy continues to struggle, and political oppression is a constant, perhaps likely to intensify with presidential elections slated for 2024. As such, while the exodus may have slowed, it is unlikely to see further major reductions in the near future.

In addition, some shifts in migration patterns may be beneficial for the gang. As noted above (see Migrant smuggling), the more "pendular" migration dynamic currently seen along parts of the Southern route could create more consistent flows through return business. Furthermore, recent moves by countries such as Peru and Chile to tighten restrictions on migration could increase the gang's revenues by making migrants once again more dependent on smuggling services.[173]

Several TdA cells have already moved beyond migration-centric criminal economies. The main test of durability for these cells will be whether they can withstand the increased attention they are now receiving from local authorities, and, in some cases, from criminal rivals. So far, the most established cells have proven to be resilient, as their activities have continued even after massive arrests and investigations in Peru and Chile,[174] and they have retained territory despite confrontations with powerful enemies in Colombia.

TdA's capacity to continue to recover from setbacks will depend in part on its ability to replenish its ranks and leadership. Currently it is able to do so as it can recruit from a pool of vulnerable Venezuelan youths, both at home and among the diaspora and the prison of Tocorón remains bursting at the seams with a constant flow of inmates passing through under the direct supervision of Niño Guerrero. This pool is likely to remain significant while there is a lack of

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[173] Venezuela Investigative Unit, "Venezuela Security Policy: The Criminal Exploitation of the Migrant Crisis," InSight Crime, 4 July 2023.

[174] Agencia Andina, "Policía detuvo a más de 60 miembros de banda criminal "Los Injertos del Tren de Aragua"," 18 April 2023; Francisco Solís, "Detienen a 7 integrantes de brazo operativo del Tren de Aragua por drogas, armas y trata de personas," Bío Bío Chile, 17 May 2023; Cooperativa, "A prisión los 18 miembros del Tren de Aragua detenidos en Iquique y Llay Llay," 25 January 2023.

economic opportunities for Venezuelan migrants and barriers to integration of the Venezuelan diaspora -- including rising xenophobia and laws limiting migrants' rights in some areas.[175]

Perhaps the principal warning sign that some TdA cells are creating a resilient and sustainable network is state infiltration. So far, though, the only cases of corrupt officials working with the gang to emerge outside Venezuela have been in Colombia.[176] While this may suggest the group has yet to enjoy much success in this area, it is also possible these could represent the tip of the iceberg. Corruption is always much less visible than violence, but the key indicator of permanent presence and intention.

If they are to become permanent fixtures of local criminal landscapes, the different cells may also need to be able to recruit from the local population. So far, however, TdA does not appear to recruit non-Venezuelan members on a significant scale in any of its territories. Peruvian authorities have reported that the gang will occasionally work with non-Venezuelans as "collaborators,"[177] and that it may be forming alliances with Peruvian gangs,[178] but that it does not allow foreigners to become fully-fledged members. In Norte de Santander, sources agreed that the gang primarily recruits Venezuelans, but that there are also rare instances of Colombians allegedly joining the gang.[179]

However, maintaining the TdA network involves much more than maintaining the individual cells. Currently, the Venezuela-based leadership at the head of the structure remain firmly ensconced in Tocorón, where their powerful allies and state penetration give them impunity in their operations. If this were to change, then the capacity of a centralized leadership to coordinate disparate cells located across the region could come into question. For the moment, there is no sign of this happening, but there is a possibility that Venezuelan authorities could impact the group's capacity to act as a network by coordinating their own judicial and security efforts to target TdA's leadership, transnational connections, and operations.

If the transnational network is disrupted, there is a risk that local cells are now so firmly entrenched in host countries they would react by evolving instead of disappearing. The most likely outcome in such a scenario is that the cells would remain as autonomous local gangs, less dangerous in terms of national security, but still a serious citizens security threat in their areas of influence.

However, another possibility is that operations leading to large numbers of arrests of TdA would offer an opportunity for it to regroup and evolve by returning to its roots as a prison gang, but this

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[175] Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, "Iniciativas Legislativas relativas a personas migrantes y refugiadas en el Congreso de Perú," R4V, 16 June 2023; Global Detention Project, "Chile: Human Rights Monitoring Bodies Denounce Proposed Legal Reforms Increasing Detention Measures for Undocumented Migrants and Asylum Seekers," 1 June 2023; Marta Luzes and Lucina Guillén, "La opinión pública respecto de la migración en América Latina y el Caribe," IADB, January 2023.

[176] El Espectador, "Policía que estaría vinculado con el 'Tren de Aragua' fue entregado por la misma banda," 13 October 2022; La Opinión, "Caen 3 agentes de tránsito de Villa del Rosario en redada contra el Tren de Aragua," 21 April 2023.

[177] InSight Crime interviews, official from the Attorney General's Office Against Organized Crime in Arequipa, Peru, 28 May 2023; General Oscar Manuel Arriola Delgado, head of the Criminal Investigation Directorate of the Peruvian National Police, Peru, 22 April 2023; Perú v. Felix Ramón Mayz Rodríguez, et al. 01321-2022-11-0401-JR-PE-04 (High Court of Arequipa, 2022).

[178] InSight Crime interview, source from Attorney General's Office, Peru, 27 April 2023.

[179] InSight Crime telephone interview, expert on migration dynamics in Norte de Santander, 8 May 2023; InSight Crime interviews, journalist in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 18 April 2023; social worker in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, 20 April 2023.

time in a host nation. Given its experience not only in controlling prisons, but using its control of prisons to project power and build networks on the outside, the gang could feasibly use the setbacks of arrests to cement its position in the national criminal landscape, following the example led by Brazilian prison gang First Capital Command (Primeiro Comando da Capital – PCC), which used the incarceration of members in Paraguay to cement its position in that country.[180] The risk of this has already been made clear by reports of TdA members organizing in prisons in Colombia.[181]

Recent police investigations in Concepción, Chile, meanwhile point to another direction such an evolution could take. According to the investigation, a local cell is charging copycats to use its name as part of a "franchise."[182] This model, similar to the one used by paramilitary successor groups in Colombia,[183] would allow the group to receive income from satellite cells without having to provide initial funds, protection or manpower, and to increase its reach and capacity by using the franchise gangs as criminal contractors and surrogates.

A New Model or a One Off?

TdA is by far the most successful domestic gang in Venezuela and Venezuelan diaspora gang abroad, and so far there is little sign of other groups successfully following the path it has forged.

Several gangs have attempted to expand outside of Venezuela in the recent past, such as the Evander gang in Trinidad and Tobago,[184] and the Meleán and Yeico Masacre gangs in Colombia.[185] But none have made it past the exploration phase. Conditions in Venezuela and regionally mean the window for other groups to try may be closing.

Inside Venezuela, the government has been moving to rein in the power of criminal groups, leaving a select few to enjoy the sort of impunity that allowed TdA to expand from a solid base.[186]

At the same time, the criminal opportunities surrounding migration have dwindled. The number of migrants has fallen, while the number of criminal networks providing services to or preying on migrants has risen. In addition, the end of COVID-19 travel restrictions has lowered the demand for migrant smuggling services,[187] international aid has funded initiatives such as regularization

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[180] Laura Marcela Zuñiga, "Deadly Riot shows Paraguay Prisons Unprepared for PCC Onslaught," InSight Crime, 20 June 2019.

[181] Jonathan Toro Romero, "Peligrosos cabecillas del 'Tren de Aragua' delinquen desde cárceles," El Tiempo, 27 June 2023; Ana Barrera, ""Caciques" del Tren de Aragua extorsionan a los reos de la Cárcel Modelo de Cúcuta," Crónica Uno, 7 February 2023.

[182] SoyChile, "Banda pagaba franquicia por usar el nombre del Tren de Aragua en Concepción," 8 July 2023.

[183] InSight Crime, "InSide Colombia's BACRIM," 13 July 2017.

[184] Trinidad & Tobago Guardian, "Upsurge in crime from Venezuela's Delta," 21 April 2019; InSight Crime interview, human rights activist, Maturín, Monagas, Venezuela, 10 March 2022; InSight Crime, "Venezuela Gang Muscles Into Trinidad and Tobago, Others May Follow," 20 May 2019.

[185] Unidad Investigativa, "Un sicario entregó a millonario jefe de banda venezolana Willy Melean," El Tiempo, 8 November 2020; InSight Crime, "Yeico Masacre," 13 February 2023.

[186] Venezuela Investigative Unit, "Rise of the Criminal Hybrid State in Venezuela," InSight Crime, 12 July 2023.

[187] InSight Crime interviews, representatives of Cáritas Foundation, Tulcán, Carchí, Ecuador, 7 February 2023; representative of Albergue Paso a Paso, Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia, 9 February 2023; Manuel Revelo, personero municipal, Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia, 9 February 2023.

schemes[188] and information campaigns to prevent migrant smuggling,[189] while judicial cooperation between Colombia, Perú, and Chile has allowed authorities to better track movements of persons of interest.[190]

While lucrative opportunities remain in exploiting migrants, many have already been claimed by TdA and local criminal organizations. Without access to these income flows, other organizations will struggle to establish the financial stability required to move into the penetration phase.

However, while the risk of another criminal group expanding out of Venezuela to form a transnational network is low and more likely to be linked to the drug trade, there are signs of emerging diaspora gangs seeking to replicate the TdA's model on a local level.

Some are copycat Venezuelan gangs that try to use the TdA name to incite fear. However, others have emerged as distinct entities. This has been most notable in the Colombian cities of Bogotá, where authorities have targeted the Maracuchos and the Satanás gang, and in Cúcuta, where the AK47 gang has gained notoriety over the past year for its use of violence and alleged role in at least two grenade attacks in 2023.[191] These groups are composed of Venezuelan nationals but emerged locally and have no criminal ties to Venezuela. Their activities are limited to specific neighborhoods in the cities they operate in and are mostly related to extortion and microtrafficking.[192] Rumors had linked the AK47 gang with TdA in the past, but security forces have since discarded that theory.[193] Some press reports, citing police, suggest that the Maracuchos and Satanás gangs may even be clashing with TdA in the Kennedy neighborhood of Bogotá.[194]

Other criminal groups in the region would also be hard-pressed to replicate the TdA model. The conditions that led to TdA's rise resulted from a particular set of circumstances that cannot be easily replicated and was based on conditions and opportunities that are already changing.

However, TdA's rapid spread is a warning sign. As turmoil and instability at national, regional, and global levels increase, the chance of a new crisis also increases, with Haiti another potential example. TdA is a clear example of how such crises and the resulting regional instability can act as catalysts for criminal evolution and the transnational spread of organized crime that reaches further, faster.

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[188] Gema Cortés, "Regularization brings hope and stability to Venezuelan migrants in Ecuador," IOM Office of the Special Envoy for the Regional Response to the Venezuela Situation, 9 March 2023.

[189] International Organization for Migration, "Awareness Raising Campaign Seeks to Protect Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees from Trafficking and Smuggling Networks," 11 June 2019.

[190] InSight Crime telephone interview, Javier Valenzuela, jefe del Departamento de Inteligencia de la Policía de Investigación de Chile, 29 September 2022; Catalina Batarce, "Tren de Aragua en la mira: PDI encabeza cumbre internacional contra el crimen organizado," La Tercera, 22 August 2022; InSight Crime interview, source from Attorney General's office, Peru, 27 April 2023.

[191] Semana, "Quién está detrás del ataque con granada que dejó 15 personas heridas en el centro de Cúcuta?, autoridades responden," 24 February 2023; Harold Sierra, "Grupo delictivo AK-47 estaría detrás del atentado a empresa de taxis en Cúcuta," Canal Tro, 29 March 2023.

[192] InSight Crime interviews, journalist in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, 18 April 2023; security official in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 21 April 2023; Cúcuta Mayor's Office officials, Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, 19 April 2023; General Carlos Triana, Bogotá Metropolitan Police, 27 February 2023; General Carlos Triana, Commander of Bogotá Metropolitan Police, 4 November 2022.

[193] InSight Crime interviews, journalist in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, 18 April 2023; security official in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, Colombia, 21 April 2023.

[194] El Tiempo, "Guerra por control de Corabastos: las bandas delincuenciales que se disputan el lugar," 13 May 2023; El País, "Crimen despordado: grupos armados amenazan la seguridad de las regiones," 9 July 2023.

Combating Tren de Aragua

In the initial stages of its transnational expansion, TdA was frequently able to pass through the exploration phase and into penetration before local authorities were aware of its presence. However, since then, with its growing notoriety, it has been extensively targeted by security forces, with mixed success.

The first operations targeting TdA in Colombia took place in La Parada, just across the border from Venezuela, with the arrest of eight alleged gang members in July 2019.[195] In the following years, authorities arrested at least 23 more alleged members, and even claimed to have dismantled the regional gang cell.[196] However, sources in La Parada told InSight Crime that the gang continues to operate and police patrols are ineffective.[197] In Bogotá, the first security forces operations targeting it did not come until late 2022, when the appearance of dismembered bodies throughout the city was attributed to the gang.[198] Over the next several months, over 30 alleged gang members were arrested, but much like on the border, the gang continues to operate.[199]

In Peru and Chile, the gang has been targeted with greater force and consistency. Peruvian authorities even carried out its first "mega-operations" in November and December 2022, arresting 30 TdA members in Lima and 23 members in Arequipa.[200] Peruvian intelligence efforts have also allowed authorities to identify several distinct TdA cells, their leadership, and money flows back to Venezuela.[201] Chilean authorities similarly carried out several operations targeting the gang in 2022, with up to 40 alleged members brought before the court in Arica and several more arrests in Tarapacá.[202] The arrests continued with tens of alleged members and leaders detained in the first half of 2023 in Santiago, Tarapacá, and Concepción.[203]

However, even after these more extensive investigations and operations, the gang's cells have proven resilient. There is little to suggest there has been a sustained impact on its territorial control or operations as of July 2023.

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[195] La Opinión, "Desarticulan en La Parada célula de peligrosa banda 'El Tren de Aragua'," 16 July 2019.

[196] La Opinión, "Tren de Aragua, una pesadilla sin fin," 18 July 2020; La Opinión, "En La Parada cayeron varios miembros del 'Tren de Aragua'," 4 July 2021; BLU Radio, "Desarticulan célula del Tren de Aragua en la fronterae dedicada a la extorsión de comerciantes," 15 April 2023; Area Cúcuta, "Captura de alias Pocillo en Cúcuta: un importante avance en la lucha contra el crimen organizado," 15 May 2023.

[197] InSight Crime interview, residents of La Parada, 21 April 2023.

[198] Catalina Oquendo, Florantonia Singer, "El fantasma del Tren de Aragua aparece in Colombia con muertos en bolsas," El País, 10 September 2022.

[199] Semana, "General Triana revela cuál es la realidad hoy del Tren de Aragua en Bogotá; pronto habrá golpes a otras 15 estructuras; el hurto callejero el reto para este año," 9 January 2023.

[200] Rafael A, "Capturaron a 30 presuntos integrantes del Tren de Aragua en Perú," El Diario, 12 November 2022; Peru Attorney-General's Office, "Fiscalía desarticula a 'Los Gallegos', presunta célula del 'Tren de Aragua' en Arequipa," 2 December 2022.

[201] InSight Crime interviews, source from the Peruvian Attorney General's office, 23 April 2023; General Oscar Manuel Arriola Delgado, head of the Criminal Investigation Directorate of the Peruvian National Police, 22 April 2023; Colonel Victor Revoredo, head of the Homicide Investigation Divisio of the Dirincri, Peru, 5 April 2023; General Luis Flores, director of Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti-Human Smuggling Unit of the Peruvian National Police, 20 April 2023.

[202] InSight Crime Interview, Jorge Días Ibarra, governor of Arica and Parinacota, 2 May 2023; Policía de Investigaciones de Chile, "Informe Resultados Gestión Operativa 2022," 2022.

[203] As, "El nuevo golpe de la PDI al Tren de Aragua: detenidos, allanamientos, droga y una brutal revelación," 23 May 2023; 24Horas, "Nuevo golpe al 'Tren de Aragua': capturan a 18 miembros en región de Tarapacá," 24 January 2023; Semana, "Captura masiva en Chile pone en evidencia accionar del Tren de Aragua y sus negocios con prostitución," 30 May 2023.

Such national level operations targeting the gang at the roots are a necessary component of any strategy to control and mitigate the threat posed by the group. However, a transnational network requires a transnational response, and these operations should be complemented by international cooperation based on information sharing to track the movements of members and financial flows between countries, and joint operations to target its transnational criminal activities. International cooperation should not be limited to the countries where the gang has an established presence but also include countries where there are early warning signs that TdA is seeking entry, or ideal conditions exist for them to do so.

Successfully combating TdA will also require recognizing the extent to which its model is based on preying on highly vulnerable populations. Addressing the challenges faced by these vulnerable populations will undermine the gang's capacities to exploit them and easily recover from security operations.

The connections between migration flows of Venezuelans and the spread of the gang has already seen some countries respond with the militarization of borders, and hardline immigration policies such as criminalizing migrants with irregular status. However, while they may reduce overall immigration numbers, there is a risk such measures will strengthen the gang.[204]

Closing borders and restricting immigration will drive migrants to the gang's smuggling services. Criminalizing the irregular migrant population creates both a pool of victims that feel unable to report criminal activities to the authorities for fear of deportation or incarceration, and potential recruits among youths left alienated and economically desperate by a hostile environment.

Instead, proper processing at the border, pathways to regularization, and efforts to meet the basic needs of the migrant population can undermine TdA's business and build trust between local authorities and the population that makes up the gang's primary victims.

Migrants are not the only vulnerable population to be exploited in TdA's business model, which has a distinct gender component in its human trafficking networks and exploitation of sex workers. Whether the victims are Venezuelan or not, sex workers and trafficking victims are often reluctant to report crimes not only because of the high risk of violent reprisals, but also because of a risk of stigmatization and revictimization.

Such barriers are unlikely to be overcome by security institutions acting alone. Instead, it will require engaging with the affected communities and the civil society organizations that work with them and providing public services to meet their needs in areas such as health services and educational materials. By reducing their vulnerability and building trust with authorities, victims are more likely to seek help and cooperate in identifying the criminal networks abusing them.

Finally, authorities in countries where TdA is present need to be aware of the risks of success. As noted above, the arrests of TdA networks could lead to the gang regrouping within the prison system and evolving in new and potentially even more dangerous forms. This eventuality needs to be planned for immediately, so authorities are prepared for the gang's attempts to organize within prisons.

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[204] Venezuela Investigative Unit, "Venezuela Security Policy: The Criminal Exploitation of the Migrant Crisis," InSight Crime, 4 July 2023.

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CRIMINAL INTEL REPORT

Law Enforcement Only / Officer Safety

Date: 01/23/2025 GCSO Case: No GCSO Case Number

On January 23, 2025, the Rifle Police Department arrested Darryl Thomas Merlin (DOB 11/18/1985,) for multiple charges including 2nd Degree Burglary, 1st Degree Criminal Trespass, 2nd Degree Assault – Strangulation, Violation of Restraining Order, DV, and 2nd Degree Assault on a Peace Officer. While being placed into custody Merlin talked about how he had planned to bring a gun to kill his ex-girlfriend and her family. Merlin also stated that he planned to "shoot-up" City Market.

Upon arrival at the Garfield County Jail, Merlin became uncooperative spitting on Detention Deputies, and refused to cooperate with Deputies. Merlin made threats against law enforcement stating that when he is released he is going to kill everyone. Merlin made suicidal statements to staff members and talked about having a plan for March 13, in which he said he and other people would die too.

Garfield County Investigators interviewed Merlin later at the Garfield County Jail. Merlin stated that he had a plan to pray for everyone to end up with his or her God. Merlin said there would be lots of blood before he spilled his own. Merlin said everyone's loved ones would be free and it is God's will that people die. Darryl kept saying that he wished the voices in his head would stop and referred to the voices as ants. Mental Health staff assessed Merlin and investigators were made aware that Merlin is schizophrenic, with paranoid delusions, commanding voices, and hallucinations that tell him to do violent things.

Merlin has been arrested in Miami-Dade County, Florida with charges of Felony Carrying Concealed Firearms, Felony Criminal Mischief, Controlled Substance Possession, Battery, Trespass, and alcohol-related offenses.

Merlin does not have a listed address locally and has been a transient between Rifle and Glenwood Springs recently. Use caution when coming into contact with Merlin as he seems to be escalating in his delusions, and becoming more violent.

Darryl Thomas Merlin, DOB: 11/18/1985



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(U//LES) Identified Venezuelan Gang, Tren de Aragua (TdA), Increasing Presence in the United States

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(U//LES) TdA is a violent Venezuelan gang involved in homicide, extortion, kidnapping, human trafficking, human smuggling, drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, and fraud. TdA leadership purportedly directed key members to new countries, including the US and Canada, to oversee criminal activity and revenue streams. In the past, TdA facilitated their expansion by leveraging alliances with other criminal actors and local gangs in the regions it seeks to control. TdA currently operates criminal networks in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Nicaragua, and Mexico.

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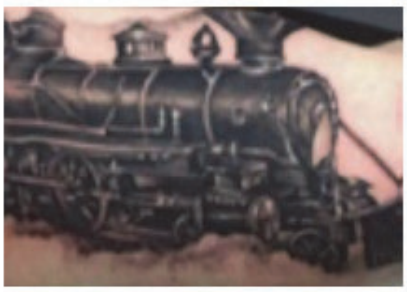
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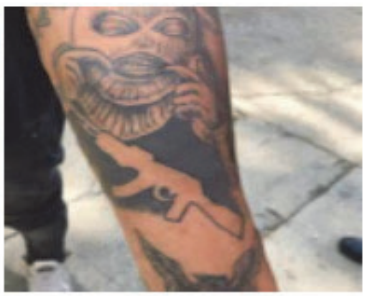
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(U) In September 2023, 11,000 Venezuelan military and police personnel launched an operation to regain control of Tocorón prison from TdA. Guerrero Flores escaped prior to the operation, and reports indicated he was potentially warned of the impending operation and given time to escape. The current whereabouts of Guerrero Flores are unknown, but he continues to direct criminal activity for TdA. [*Source*: News article | InSight Crime | "Tren de Aragua" | 13 December 2023 | https://insightcrime.org/venezuela-organized-crime-news/tren-de-aragua/ | accessed on 2 January 2024.]

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> > Good morning all,
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> >
> > Thanks
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On Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 10:04 AM Mike Tyler < mtyler@rifleco.org> wrote:

> SPEAR is in !!!
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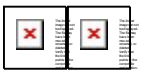
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To: Anthony Mazzola; Brian Olson; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; ed@town.meeker.co.us; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Jeff Cheney; Joseph Deras; Kim Ferber; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Michael Buglione; mkite@townofsilt.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; TiRynn Hamblin
Subject: FW: Suspect Michael Young in the Glenwood Area
Attachments: image0.jpeg; image1.jpeg; image002.jpg; image003.png; Screenshot 2023-09-20 011534.png

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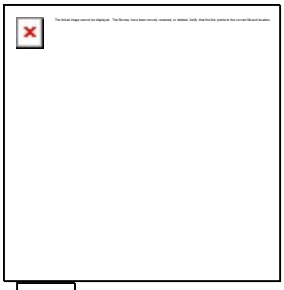
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Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 7:02 AM
To: Thomas Moser <tmoser@garcosheriff.com>
Cc: Sheriff Patrol <SheriffPatrol@garcosheriff.com>; Investigations <Investigations@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: Re: Suspect Michael Young in the Glenwood Area



Thanks,

Deputy Ashley Cid Ramirez
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On Sep 20, 2023, at 1:16 AM, Thomas Moser <tmoser@garcosheriff.com> wrote:

Hello All,
I'm sure many of you are aware but Glenwood Springs PD has been chasing a Michael Young DOB 11/1/1986 all over Glenwood lately. SPEAR assisted in chasing him on Bong Hill today as well. Officer Felipe Gomez ended up blowing out his knee in the process so Michael is a real problem. Later on in the evening GSPD responded to Kum and Go east for a suspicious. They contacted Martha Farr DOB: 1/20/1981, who it sounds like is Michael's girlfriend. Martha reported that Michael had assaulted her on bong hill somewhere, possibly in county or possibly in city. Either way Glenwood went ahead and took the case. They have submitted a felony warrant for assault (SBI) and felony menacing among other things. Martha had significant facial injuries and broken ribs. Sgt. Dietrich passed on that Michael has been making comments that LE will have to kill him to get him in custody. He is known to carry several knives and said he will charge LE if contacted in order to force an OIS. If helping Glenwood, or if you happen to see him, he will absolutely run from you and if cornered may escalate the situation. Use caution and call for backup. There is only one photo I am finding in New World for him but maybe someone with more sleep than I have had can find more? I have attached the one photo I could find. Stay Frosty!

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Subject: Re: SPEAR Board Meeting
Attachments: FINAL August Recess MCSA Congressional Points 2023.pdf; CSOC FAIR Act- House signed.pdf; SPEAR Board Meeting agenda Sept 2023.docx

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Attached is the agenda as well as info on the FAIR Act.

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> On Sep 19, 2023, at 5:10 PM, Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us> wrote:
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> Hi Lou,
> I think I can make the board meeting but will have to leave early. In case I don't make it, are you OK with Bill K. speaking on our behalf?
> JD
>
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> Cc: Maira Contreras <mcontreras@garcosheriff.com>
> Subject: SPEAR Meeting
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Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 7:38 AM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com
Cc: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Leif Sackett
Subject: Re: SPEAR Op canceled

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AHRT is clear from the scene there were no issues with securing the residence. The scene is turned over to spear

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I gave the thumbs up, pending any concerns from the Board….

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Ok. So far, so good….

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On Sep 7, 2023, at 2:50 PM, Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com> wrote:

Sire please see the below email from Sergeant Baker. I spoke with Brent today and SPEAR is requesting for AHRT to assist with the search warrant of the residence when it is approved by the judge. I think it is an appropriate use of the team concerning the suspects background. If the judge approves the after-hours execution, we would plan on a knock and announce/surround and callout execution during the early morning hours. Please let me know if you are good with using the team for this operation and I will keep you posted on the search warrant and timetable on when we would plan to execute it.

Thanks

From: Brent Baker <BBaker@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
Cc: Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; Kurt Conrad <KConrad@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: 33 Silverton Pl SW, Christopher Van Valkenberg

Oz per your request,

We currently have a search warrant drafted for 33 Silverton Pl in Parachute. The suspect is Christopher Van Valkenberg DOB 04-09-1979.

We have conducted two controlled purchases with him. The first for methamphetamine and a rifle. The second was for fentanyl.

One of our CI's has confirmed that he has at least two handguns in the house, one of which we have confirmed as stolen.

Chris Van Valkenberg has an extensive criminal history including;

Felony Assault in Texas
1st and 2nd degree burglary
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree assault
Possession of a weapon by previous offender
Multiple drug charges
Felony theft
Most recently a 2nd degree assault strangulation that occurred 12-24-22.

The assistant US attorney has agreed to take the case federally.

33 Silverton Pl is 154 yards from Bea Underwood Elementary so we have requested for 24 hour warrant service to avoid executing when kids may be around. He did recently gain custody of his 3 year old daughter so we expect her in the house. We do not expect any dogs. The house is frequented by multiple felons and our recent cartel arrest of Manuela Zapata was staying there before we sent her to federal prison.

We are waiting for the CI to let us know when he re-ups his supply which should be soon, and then we are planning on executing the search warrant.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks

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Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2023 12:06 PM
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Subject: SPEAR Meeting

All,

Due to our Mental Body Armor training all week, I'm cancelling this month's SPEAR meeting.

Hope to see some of you there!

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Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2023 12:03 PM
To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston
Subject: SPEAR Meeting Cancelled

Chiefs,

I'm going to cancel this month's SPEAR meeting due to our Mental Body Armor training all week. Also, Mike suggested that we consider meeting with the large group every other month.

We can regroup and discuss.

Also, I'll get a spreadsheet to you with our monthly expenses after this week.

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Subject: Re: SPEAR money

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Re: Please vote ***against*** H.R. 1525, Fifth Amendment Integrity Restoration (FAIR) Act of 2023, and preserve a critical tool to fight drug cartels.

Dear Colorado Representatives,

As accurately noted in H.J. Res 18 (AUMF), the Mexican drug cartels are responsible for drug trafficking that is killing tens of thousands of Americans. Despite that, HR 1525, FAIR Act would largely dismantle a crucial tool in the fight against these cartels: federal civil-asset forfeiture. HR 1525 would repeal equitable sharing, which is the cornerstone of state and local participation in joint operations with federal law enforcement, especially on task forces such as the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program (HIDTA). On behalf of Colorado's 64 county sheriffs, I ask you and other members working to combat drug cartels to vote against HR 1525.

After 911 the demands for more federal, state, and local cooperation have increased, and rightfully so. Yet, HR 1525 would repeal equitable sharing – the cornerstone of some of the most successful joint operations against drug cartels. Contrary to claims within HR 1525, repealing equitable sharing will not promote civil rights, vindicate the Fifth Amendment, or protect property owners. It will, however, be a big victory for drug lords and other organized crime entities.

There are other amendments proposed in HR 1525 which are bad policy. For example, it would shorten the government's time significantly to notify a potential property owner of a forfeiture proceeding. These radical reductions, which are far out of step with usual civil procedure time frames or deadlines, will not improve justice. Instead, they are designed to choke down the use of civil-asset forfeiture, regardless of the merits of a case or seizure.

Ostensible reforms like HR 1525 rest on an incomplete picture of the fight against trafficking. Make no mistake, the cartels regularly smuggle bulk currency transporting large bundles of cash wrapped in plastic and

concealed within a passenger vehicle, tractor-trailer, and/or boat. These practices are key components of the cartel's money-laundering efforts. Joint operations between federal law enforcement, with intelligence from cross-country and international sources, and state and local highway interdiction teams ***are some of the best ways of fighting this trafficking***. HR 1525 would virtually stop all such operations.

At a time where the number of Americans dying due to drug overdoses are at an all-time high, Congress should not hand the cartels a gift through the passing of HR 1525. Largely dismantling asset forfeiture and repealing equitable sharing are terrible policy. Please vote against HR 1525. We thank you for your continued commitment to public safety and Colorado's and the nation's sheriffs.

Sincerely,

Amy J. Nichols, Executive Director
County Sheriffs of Colorado

2023 August Recess Congressional Conversations
Key Points for Major County Sheriffs of America

Contact MCSA Executive Director Megan Noland with questions: mnoland@mcsheriffs.com

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ASSET FORFEITURE REFORM

FAIR Act

Status: House Judiciary Committee passed the bill unanimously on 6/14/2023

Impact and Concern: The bill would eliminate the equitable sharing program. This would shrink the number of multijurisdictional drug task forces focused on fentanyl, methamphetamine, and other drug trafficking networks; reduce local participation on federal task forces; and reduce cartel-related intelligence and information sharing capacity. The House should not advance this bill without significant changes.

Action Item: MCSA OPPOSES this bill and urges member sheriffs to contact their Representatives and express their opposition.

INVESTIGATIVE DATA RESTRICTIONS

Fourth Amendment is Not For Sale Act and ***American Data Privacy and Protection Act***

Status: Fourth Amendment is Not For Sale Act - House Judiciary Committee passed the bill unanimously on 7/19/2023

Status: American Data Privacy and Protection Act – Not yet reintroduced in 2023; House Energy & Commerce Committee passed the bill by a 53-2 vote in 2022

Impact and Concern: Both bills would restrict law enforcement's access to commercially available information that is routinely used to investigate violent crime, drug trafficking, human trafficking, child sexual exploitation, and threats of mass violence. The data these bills would restrict are most useful after a crime occurs but before solid leads have been developed and probable cause can be determined. As such, this information serves as the building blocks of probable cause, which is then used to obtain a warrant where appropriate as the investigation progresses. Without access to this information, investigative timelines would increase, and law enforcement would have more difficulty identifying sources of public safety threats like school threats. The House should not advance these bills without changes. A joint letter to Congress signed by MCSA regarding concerns with the *Fourth Amendment is Not For Sale* bill can be found here.

Action Item: MCSA OPPOSES these bills in their current form and urges member sheriffs to contact their Representatives and express their opposition.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT

Due Process Continuity of Care Act and ***Reentry Act***

Status: Due Process Continuity of Care Act – Introduced in House on 5/2/2023; Introduced in Senate on 3/23/2023

Status: Reentry Act – Introduced in House on 3/30/2023; Introduced in Senate on 4/17/2023

Impact and Concern: This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would amend the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP) to improve care coordination and provide continued access to federal health benefits for eligible individuals in local jails. The *Due Process Continuity of Care Act* would allow pre-trial detainees to receive Medicaid benefits at the option of the state and provide planning grant dollars to states for implementation. The *Reentry Act* would allow for Medicaid payment for medical services furnished to incarcerated individuals during the 30-day period preceding an individual's release. Passage of this legislation would allow for improved care, lower costs to taxpayers and long-term government expenditure, decreased crime, reduced recidivism, improved public safety and better outcomes for the overall health of our residents.

MCSA joined the bill sponsors and fellow stakeholders to urge the House Energy and Commerce Committee to include both bills in the SUPPORT Act Reauthorization, but the legislation lost traction due to concerns over a high preliminary CBO

score. MCSA is continuing to work with Capitol Hill staff and fellow stakeholders to garner additional support for these bills as both chambers review next steps for a SUPPORT Act Reauthorization.

Letters:

- Coalition Letter to House in Support of *Due Process Continuity of Care Act & Reentry Act* (June 8, 2023)
- Coalition Letter to Senate in Support of *Due Process Continuity of Care Act & Reentry Act* (April 26, 2023)

Action Item: MCSA SUPPORTS these bills and urges member sheriffs to contact their Representatives and Senators to express their support.

NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1

Next Generation 9-1-1 Act of 2023

Status: Incorporated as part of the ***Spectrum Auction Reauthorization Act of 2023*** which the House Energy & Commerce Committee passed unanimously on May 24

Impact and Concern: The House should pass the Spectrum Action Reauthorization Act on the floor as soon as possible this fall. The Senate should consider and pass the House version of the bill this fall. This bill, which is supported by the nation's fire, law enforcement, EMS, and 911 communities, would enable a long-overdue nationwide upgrade to true Next Generation 9-1-1 capabilities. This would allow all people across America and all first responders to take advantage of evolving technology when help is needed the most. More details including advocacy letters and FAQs can be found at the Public Safety Next Generation 9-1-1 Coalition website: www.ng-911coalition.org.

Action Item: MCSA SUPPORTS this bill in its current form and urges member sheriffs to contact their Representatives and Senators to express their support.

UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS

Safeguarding the Homeland from the Threats Posed by Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act of 2023

Status: Introduced in both the House (Reps. Gallagher and Houlahan) and Senate (Sens. Peters and Johnson)

Impact and Concern: Current statutory authorities that enable law enforcement agencies to take action against drone threats are limited to certain federal agencies under limited circumstances. This bill would extend limited counter-UAS authorities to state and local law enforcement agencies and would facilitate intelligence and information sharing regarding drone threats. It is a necessary first step that should be enacted as soon as possible to ensure we can neutralize threats posed to public safety by malicious drone operators in our communities. The latest letter MCSA joined with coalition partners supporting the bill can be found here.

Action Item: MCSA SUPPORTS this bill and urges member sheriffs to contact their Representatives and Senators to express their support.

FY24 APPROPRIATIONS

Status: The House and Senate will turn to budget and appropriations negotiations when they return from recess in September. Most anticipate a need for a continuing resolution as there will not be enough time to pass all annual appropriations bills and reconcile differences between the chambers before the fiscal year ends on September 30, 2023. The current appropriations charts, which include funding recommendations for priority public safety programs, are available here (Homeland Security) and here (Commerce-Justice-Science).

Impact and Concern: The House and Senate should pass the annual appropriations measures with robust funding for the law enforcement grant programs.

Action Item: MCSA SUPPORTS adequate funding for state and local law enforcement programs and urges member sheriffs to contact their Representatives and Senators to express their support for vital DOJ and DHS programs.

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SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

November 16, 2023

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

$$$: Fed: $ Trident: $ State: $ Evidence: $

New Business:

Steve's bailing out Plaque

The SPEAR bank account should be getting set up, last week Cathy was working on it. How the account might look, chip in on yearly bills, money for operations etc. "Topic for discussion"

Jared and I will be looking at swapping out our lease vehicles in March/April, possibly go through Utah now.

January's meeting? Bosses might be gone at conference.

We have re-allocated $1500 in HIDTA OT funds to buy/CI money.

The Venezuelan group we have out in Carbondale/Glenwood. Thoughts on how we should handle them. "Topic for discussion"

Bonds ?????? The courts only placed a $100 bond on Meradith Armstrong for a stop we had last week. She had almost a half ounce of Meth, small amount of Coke and Crack as well as over 110 Fentanyl pills. Last Friday we got into a pursuit with James Snyder. He ended up fighting with us and had a loaded handgun in his pocket that he kept trying to get to. He bonded out on $1,000 and that most likely was for the Rifle muni warrant he had. Again last week a couple of our guys got into a fight with Juan Loya "TT" and he bonded out most likely on a PR.

Old Business:

LT has received the $1,000 from Glenwood and Parachute and the SO, thank you.

Some type of keypad lock for the upstairs door is needed. I believe the door frame needs to be fixed as well. *UPDATE: New lock has been put in. Door jam might still need some work in the future.*

Case updates:

TF-23-518

On 09-20-23, SPEAR/GCSO conducted a traffic stop in the Rifle area. We had information that the female passenger (Maria Concepcion Montoya 7-14-66) in the vehicle would lie about who she was because she had no bond Felony AW. In addition there would be just under a pound of Meth in the vehicle that she was transporting. Through our investigation we located her true ID and the pound of Meth.

TF-23-528

On 09-26-23, SPEAR attempted to stop a vehicle with Jairo Noe Ortega leaving his residence, Ortega had a Felony AW. This led to a short vehicle and foot pursuit ending with Ortega back hiding at his residence. Due to the history AHRT was called in and we eventually found him hiding in the attic after hours of negotiation.

TF-23-534

Assist NCPD with TD

TF-23-565/564

On 10-27-23, Spear conducted a controlled purchase of Meth from Jeffery Sines 12-17-76 in Parachute. While still working this operation, Daniel Duffy 07-19-57 was observed at the residence with Meth. Duffy had an active AW and we waited for him to leave and conducted a traffic stop. He also had over a half ounce of Meth in his possession.

TF-23-576/583 and 594

These cases were mentioned above with M. Armstrong, Loya and Snyder

Looks like we will be doing a predator operation in mid-March

Prosecution:

DEA:

Next Meeting:

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

Sept 21st, 2023

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

$$$: Fed: $ Trident: $ State: $ Evidence: $

Old Business:

New Business:

With the state of Colorado grabbing all the money under $50,000, we just aren't going to worry about going through the paperwork nightmare of seizure requests. If it's over then we will go after it. With that being said that there is a grant out there that might give us money for the amount that the state seizes, still looking into this one if we want to go down the twisted grant road.

LT has received the $1,000 from Glenwood and Parachute.

Some type of keypad lock for the upstairs door is needed. I believe the door frame needs to be fixed as well.

Thoughts on SPEAR board meeting set to every other month, thoughts?

I spoke with Jeff on a couple of minor case issues and was informed that Wes is no longer assigned to the task force due to man-power issues at the DA's.

Case updates:

TF-23-390

On 7/19/23, SPEAR assisted the Garfield County Sheriff's Office with a vehicle search. The vehicle was impounded following a traffic stop during which the driver, Ruby Ann Castillo, DOB: 06/06/86, was arrested for additional drug charges and DUI. SPEAR seized 1,141 Fentanyl pills collected during the search.

TF-23-426

Manuela Zapata-Castillo and Angel Cosme-Marquez had federal warrants due to an ongoing investigation by SPEAR/DEA and a subsequent federal indictment. Contact was made with them at the Dollar General in Battlement Mesa.

A probable cause search based on drug paraphernalia in plain view was conducted. Upon searching the car there was a large amount of drug paraphernalia and live ammunition found throughout the car. Additionally, 13.74 g TGW of methamphetamine was found as was 10.94g (just over a 100) TGW of blue M30 fentanyl pills. 3 phones were also seized along with a Mexico ID for Zapata-Castillo

TF-23-440

On 08/04/23 SPEAR assisted the Colorado Springs Police Department with the execution of a search warrant on a 2011 Dodge Charger with CO license plate ARJS25. The vehicle was impounded in the evidence bay of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office Annex located at 106 CR 333a in Rifle, Colorado. During the search, SPEAR located Item #1D is a bag with 21.56 grams of methamphetamine, a bag with 8.83 grams of methamphetamine, a 2.53 grams TGW (25 pills) of fentanyl located in a silver container, a Taurus Public Defender handgun with the serial number removed, four .410 Winchester HS Shotgun Rounds, 24, $50.00 bills, multiple credit cards and identifications, a bag with miscellaneous boxes of jewelry and an XBOX, papers with indicia of ownership, a bag with assorted drug paraphernalia, a box of coins and jewelry, 3 cell phone, 1 tablet, 5 SD cards from Walmart, a box with smart watch, apple earbuds, beats earbuds, headphones, gold ear rings and a bump key burglary tools. In custody are Stewart Smith 03/29/83 and Jangelica Ortega 7/19/95.

TF-23-444

TFO's attempted to locate Josephine Tatum who had a felony New Mexico warrant for drug distribution. A search warrant was executed at her apartment, and she was not located. The big picture with this case is the fact that she was on the run for over 6 years and we were denied the SW by the DA's off at approx. 1915 hrs when we knew she was in the residence.

TF-23-452

On 08/14/23, TFO Graham assisted Garfield County Sheriff's Cpl. Dimmick at the Garfield County Sheriff's Annex in Rifle regarding evidence from a stolen vehicle. Graham arrived at the Annex where Deputy Guzman transferred custody of a black zippered bag bearing the brand name "HOMEAL". The contents of the bag included four green zip lock bags and a red plastic wrap containing a crystalline substance which, based on my training and experience I recognized as methamphetamine. The weights of each green zip-lock baggie were 112.69 grams TGW, 111.76 grams TGW, 112.78 grams TGW and 109.12 TGW. The red plastic wrap and its contents weighed 6.74 grams TGW. I tested the contents of the red plastic wrap with a NIK Field Test Kit specific to methamphetamine. The substance tested presumptive positive for the presence of methamphetamine. The total weight of the methamphetamine was 453.09 grams TGW.

TF-23-453

This case is in reference to a murder for hire assist agency that we assisted with in Grand Junction. I made contact with the suspect in Colorado Springs, and it appears that he has reconsidered having his old business partner killed off. GJ will reach back out if this picks up again.

TF-23-485

On August 25, 2023, TFO Tetzlaff received information that Justin Raulerson was continuing to distribute large quantities of illegal drugs. Due to steps taken in this investigation, TFO Tetzlaff knew Raulerson was in the Denver, Colorado, area and he was in his grey in color Jeep Grand Cherokee, bearing Colorado temporary tag 5503815 on September 6, 2023. On the same date, TFO Tetzlaff knew Raulerson was travelling westbound on Interstate 70. Eagle County Sheriff's Office Deputy Jaramillo conducted a traffic stop on Raulerson's Jeep as it was travelling westbound on Interstate 70 near Gypsum, Colorado. Before coming to a stop, Deputy Jaramillo observed Raulerson throw a white powder out of the drivers window. Chunks of the white powder were later collected and it weighed between 05-1 gram and tested positive for fentanyl powder.

During the traffic stop, Deputy Jaramillo observed a plastic baggie containing blue pills hanging out of Raulerson's left pant leg. Deputy Jaramillo located a clear plastic baggie that contained 103.5 grams (approximately 1,000 fentanyl pills) of blue pills that NIK tested presumptive positive for fentanyl from Raulerson's left shoe. Raulerson then informed Deputy Jaramillo that he had crack cocaine in his other shoe. Deputy Jaramillo located two large "crack rocks" that later weighed 17.2 grams and tested presumptive positive for cocaine using a Tru Narc Rigaku spectrometer. During search incident to arrest, Deputy Jaramillo located a clear plastic baggie that contained a crystalline substance that weighed 3.4 grams and tested positive for methamphetamine using a Tru Narc Rigaku spectrometer. Raulerson was arrested and lodged in the Eagle County Jail.

TF-23-495

On September 8, 2023, Huley Mayer was arrested at Kum & Go, located at 10 Stone Quarry Road in Parachute, Colorado, on his outstanding arrest warrant. During search incident to arrest, Deputy Snyder located two large bags of fentanyl pills in Mayer's left pants pocket. TFO Tetzlaff also observed drug paraphernalia in plain view in Mayer's vehicle, a red in color Ford Ranger, bearing Colorado license plate, AUL U18, and a probable cause search was conducted on Mayer's vehicle

Deputies and SPEAR TFO's located the following items on Mayer's person and/or in Mayers vehicle; 194.06 grams (1,000 fentanyl pills according to Mayer's post Miranda interview) of fentanyl pills, 1.18 grams of a white powdery substance that NIK tested presumptive positive for cocaine, 10.55 grams of a crystalline substance that NIK tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine, 4.81 grams (13 pills) of pills that were identified as morphine pills, 14.21 grams (86 pills) of pills that were identified as Xanax, 3.08 grams (2 pills) of pills that were identified as hydrocodone pills. Four firearms and two firearm suppressors were also located and seized. Mayer was arrested and lodged in the Garfield County Jail.

We have been working with a State Patrol Investigator and the Utah County TF on a auto theft ring. A number of vehicles have been recovered in Garco tied to vehicle thefts just south of Salt Lake. This is still ongoing.

*There are a number of other cases that we have pulled on felony and misdemeanor arrest warrants, agency assists like suicidal/barricades and stolen/pursuit vehicles that we have been involved with as well.

Prosecution:

DEA:

Next Meeting:

Vendor	Expense Description	Monthy Cost
City of Rifle	SPEAR building water & sewer	$101.22
Xcel Energy	SPEAR building gas & electric	$1,125.00
Ting Fiber	SPEAR building Fiber Access	$450.00
Verizon	U/C Cell phones	$260.13
Axon	BWC for non SO SPEAR members	$185.34
Vivent	SPEAR building security system	$56.47
Cardiff Cleaning	SPEAR building cleaning services	$550.00
Waste Management	SPEAR building trash services	$338.21
Miscellaneous Exp	Expenses put on purchase cards	$200.00
Repair/Replacements	Equipment for SPEAR	$200.00
Office Supplies	Office supplies and paper products	$0

Total/Month	$3,466.37
Annual Total	$41,596.44
Annual Total/Agency	$13,865.48

Notes
Average over 6 months
On Carbondale PD Verizon Account
First year expenses - the next 2 years total for licensing is $113.67 per month.
Once a week cleaning
Not a fixed amount
Not a fixed amount
Supplies gatheraed at main offices

GCSO, RPD, GPD

Ryan M. Muse

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 7:35 PM
To: Mike Tyler
Cc: Josh Osborne; Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Lou Vallario; Colt Cornelius; Josh Craine
Subject: Re: Presentation

Ok! Caleb is good with that! I'll get the specifics to you. If anyone needs to call him, his number is 970-230-1952.

Let's try to have a good showing.

Thank you!

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> On Jul 26, 2023, at 2:11 PM, Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org> wrote:
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> I'm sure a number of us can be there in whatever capacity is decided.
> _____
> From: Josh Osborne [josborne@garcosheriff.com]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 11:56 AM
> To: Lou Vallario; Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Mike Tyler
> Cc: Lou Vallario; Colt Cornelius; Josh Craine
> Subject: RE: Presentation
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> From the team side I would suggest steering away from a live demonstration and perhaps just focus on us having the Bearcat out there with a handful of operators similar to the touch a truck events. Sheriff if this sounds good to you, I can start working on scheduling that portion for AHRT's involvement.
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> Thanks
> Oz
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
> Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 11:52 AM
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From: Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 2:12 PM
To: Josh Osborne; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Debra Funston; Joseph Deras
Cc: Lou Vallario; Colt Cornelius; Josh Craine
Subject: RE: Presentation

I'm sure a number of us can be there in whatever capacity is decided.

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From: Josh Osborne [josborne@garcosheriff.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 11:56 AM
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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Joseph Deras; Deb Funston
Subject: RE: Buy funds

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Absolutely! We may need to meet with the 3 of us first, but I think at some point to get a better understanding of their workload, we may need Mike to provide the specifics.

Lou Vallario
Garfield County Sheriff

From: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:30 AM
To: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>; Deb Funston <Dfunston@rifleco.org>
Subject: Buy funds

Good morning,
We have our $1000. for the buy funds. Lt. Kimminau will connect with Tyler today and let him know we have it in the safe. I am going to have to work on and figure out the 10K which will take a while longer. I would like to understand (a little better) how much the team is doing in the communities which are not part of SPEAR. I am 1000% all about providing aid and assistance at any time. However to go in and handle cases and/or ATL's on a more frequent basis is where I think I need have a better grasp. I would prefer we chat with the three of us at some time in the future??

Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 4:08 PM
To: Anthony Mazzola; Brian Olson; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; ed@town.meeker.co.us; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Jeff Cheney; Joseph Deras; Kim Ferber; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Michael Buglione; mkite@townofsilt.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; TiRynn Hamblin
Subject: CSAG Summary of NEw Laws
Attachments: CSAG Summary 2023 Legislative Session.xlsx

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All,

Today I received this summary spreadsheet from CSAG on many of the new bills we have been discussing and the CSOC has been tracking.

FYI, the summary is just a summary and not inclusive of all of the details. A full read of the bill might be necessary if you have detailed questions.

Hope it helps!

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 10:54 AM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Debra Funston; cburrows@newcastlecolorado.org; mkite@townofsilt.org; Jeff Cheney; Colt Cornelius; Steven Knight; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; Josh Craine; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Joseph Deras; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Leonard Haran; Mike Tyler
Subject: Re: SPEAR Meeting
Attachments: 7-19-2023-SPEAR Protecting Communities.doc

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Press release going out today!

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> On Jul 18, 2023, at 9:43 PM, Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com> wrote:
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Thoughts??

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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 9:18 PM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Leonard Haran; Jeff Cheney; Steven Knight; Colt Cornelius; Mike Tyler
Subject: SPEAR Board Meeting

All,

The SPEAR Executive Board will meet prior to the regular meeting on 7/20 at 11:30, Rifle PD conference room.

We have been paying the expenses and monthly bills with the old TRIDENT asset funds, but we have almost depleted them. We need to discuss future funding for the monthly bills and expenses.

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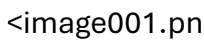
Looking forward to it!

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> On Jul 18, 2023, at 12:10 PM, Kim Ferber <kim.ferber@aspen.gov> wrote:
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> Good afternoon,
>
> I am attending an exploratory ABLE training with several of my team members tomorrow but look forward to joining next month. If there is any interest from the group, I'd be happy to provide my perspective on the training to all of you next month.
>
> Best,
> Kim



Kimberly Ferber
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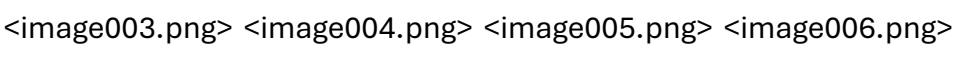
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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 5:33 PM
To: Michael Buglione; Kim Ferber; Brian Olson; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Joseph Deras; Chuck Burrows; mkite@townofsilt.org; Debra Funston; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; Anthony Mazzola; TiRynn Hamblin; ed@town.meeker.co.us
Cc: Sheriff Patrol
Subject: Fwd: SPEAR Powdered Fentanyl Off Safety.docx
Attachments: SPEAR Powdered Fentanyl Off Safety.docx

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From: Brent Baker [BBaker@garcosheriff.com]
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2023 3:27 PM
To: Mike Tyler
Subject: SPEAR Powdered Fentanyl Off Safety.docx

See attached

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 10:49 AM
To: Mike Tyler
Cc: Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Shelby Beitzel
Subject: Re: SPEAR stats

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I think this is really coming together!

With regards to assisting other agencies, are we assisting based on our mission of major crimes that the agencies need assistance with, or are we supplanting their manpower? It's more of a rhetorical question, but I want to make sure we don't drift from the mission.

Also, are we getting the intel from the local agencies we need to sustain Intelligence Lead Policing, or do we need to push meeting and training them on the website, concept, etc? Personally, I think this will be a continual and rotational process.

Thanks!

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Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 5:31 PM
To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Steven Knight; Leonard Haran; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Chuck Burrows; mkite@townofsilt.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; Jeff Cheney
Cc: Sheriff Patrol
Subject: Re: SPEAR Impact
Attachments: IMG_6783.jpeg

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So, we think this is Clinton Phillips. We did a search warrant several months back on his moms house in New Castle. Her boyfriend was a property manager that was placing hidden cameras in properties in No Name area and a tenant found one. Investigator Jenness is working the case and we recovered some really good evidence during the search warrant. He was upset because his mom got stuck in the middle. Fast forward a week or so from executing the search warrant he was contacted by a Pitkin County Deputy and voiced his displeasure about Garfield County S.O. to Deputy Windam.

Last week Deputy Wilson contacted him in the Glenwood area for a traffic complaint and since has decided to blow Deputy Wilson's email up calling him a coward and a bunch of other non-sense. He has escalated to sending emails on the recruiting website to Nick and myself about defunding the police and has used some of the same wording as his "excellent" sign he posted. So he is someone we are keeping an eye on for sure.

He appears to be "radicalizing" over this and has the potential to be a violent threat.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 9:08 AM
To: stephensc@garco911.com; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Joseph Deras; Josh Osborne; Leif Sackett
Subject: RE: Meeting

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Survey says……July 20th around 2, after the SPEAR meeting. Location will probably be Rifle PD, but I'll confirm.

Thanks!

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 9:19 AM
To: Carl Stephens <stephensc@garco911.com>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Gary Tillotson <gary.tillotson@cogs.us>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>; Leif Sackett <leif.sackett@crfr.us>; Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
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Board,

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Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 5:10 PM
To: Bill Kimminau; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Jeff Cheney; Jeremy Maple; Joseph Deras; Josh Craine; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Leonard Haran; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; mkite@townofsilt.org; Mike Tyler; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; Steven Knight
Subject: June Meeting Cancelled

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Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 5:07 PM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com
Cc: Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; Jeff Cheney; Joseph Deras; Josh Craine; Mike Tyler
Subject: Re: June Meeting

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It's official….we're canceling this month's meeting. See you in July!

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Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 10:25 AM
To: Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; Jeff Cheney; Joseph Deras; Josh Craine; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Mike Tyler
Subject: June Meeting

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2023 3:26 PM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: Fwd: Fentanyl Distribution Arrest
Attachments: image005.jpg; image006.png; image002.png; image003.jpg; image004.jpg; 6-02-2023-Fentanyl Distribution Arrest.pdf

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Walter Stowe <wstowe@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** June 2, 2023 at 2:45:21 PM MDT
> **To:** "Debra Funston (dfunston@rifleco.org)" <dfunston@rifleco.org>
> **Cc:** Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>, Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>, Lou Vallario <lvallario@garcosheriff.com>
> **Subject: Fentanyl Distribution Arrest**
>
> FYI: The press release below just went out, it will be on our Facebook Page this PM
>
> Thanks,
>
> Walt Stowe
>
> Garfield County Sheriff's Office
>
> Communications Officer

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: June 2, 2023

Time: 2:40 PM

Title: Fentanyl Distribution Arrest

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO. –

Fentanyl pills, methamphetamine and cash confiscated	Anthony Toovey

Garfield County SPEAR (Special Problem Enforcement and Response) Task Force conducted an investigation into the distribution of fentanyl on 06-01-23. The investigation resulted in the seizure of approximately 1300 Fentanyl pills, 45 grams of methamphetamine and $2000.00.

Anthony Toovey was arrested during the investigation. Anthony Toovey has been arrested four times this year by the SPEAR task force alone. In total for 2023, since being released from the Department of Corrections and placed on parole on 02-28-2023. Anthony Toovey has been arrested eight times in Garfield County.

Additional arrests are expected from this investigation.

Spear will continue to focus on criminals that cause the most community harm in Garfield County.

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Colorado River Fire Rescue and the Garfield County Emergency Communication Authority assisted SPEAR in this operation.

SPEAR is a multi-jurisdictional task force based out of the Garfield County area. Anyone with information on criminal activity is encouraged to call SPEAR at (970) 945-0453 or contact your local law enforcement agency.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Any questions please contact SPEAR Board Chairman, Sheriff Lou Vallario at (970) 945-0453.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

The mission of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office is to provide solutions for the people through professional, ethical and compassionate conduct.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023 6:53 PM
To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Leif Sackett
Subject: Fwd: AHRT operation request.

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I approved, pending any dissent.

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> **From:** Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** May 18, 2023 at 2:31:18 PM AST
> **To:** Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>, Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>, Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
> **Cc:** Kurt Conrad <kconrad@garcosheriff.com>, Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>
> **Subject: AHRT operation request.**
>
> Good afternoon Sheriff,
>
> SPEAR is requesting assistance from AHRT with a search warrant execution for a trailer located in the county, 246 Green Lane.
>
> Last night Sergeant Gherardini stopped a car leaving the trailer and seized some fentanyl pills and a gun. SPEAR has been working the residence for a while and it sounds like they have plenty of intel on dope trafficking.
>
> This residence has been a problem for a number of years and AHRT has already executed 2-3 search warrants in the past. The last time our team hit the trailer there were approximately 18 parties in the trailer that were truly the who's who of dope use/trafficking in the county.
>
> I'm still waiting on further info concerning criminal histories however currently we are checking the boxes with violent charges, firearm possession contacts/charges, and parties

that are known to be confrontational with LE.

With Mike and Brent out of town, Jared is currently the point of contact that I have been speaking to. If the search warrant is approved the team is requesting to execute the search warrant early Saturday morning pending your approval of AHRT use.

I will be out of town this weekend but Chris Dietrich is available to fill in as team commander.

Thanks
Oz

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 6:43 AM
To: Colt Cornelius; Kurt Conrad; Josh Craine; Patrol Supervisors; Jail Supervisors; Cathy Dalla; cbornholdt@garcosheriff.com; Kim Vallario
Cc: Maira Contreras; Walter Stowe; Shannon Stowe; Kiyvon Nye; Graham Jackson; Heather Beattie
Subject: Fwd: CSOC End of Session Report
Attachments: CSOC EOS.docx

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Good morning,

The silly season is over for another year! Attached is a report on the final status of bills CSOC was tracking. Please take a look. There's something for everyone. Pregnant women in jails, juvenile interrogation and arrest age limits, additional reporting requirements, traffic stuff, and of course more unconstitutional gun control. The effective dates vary, so be aware.

After the summary of the session, there is a chart that lists all of the bills we were tracking. You can click on the bill number to link you to it and read the final version. The ones marked "not applicable" were killed, so not to worry….until next year!

We can discuss them in detail when we get back and clarify any concerns with the County Attorney or DA.

Happy reading!

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:32 PM
To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Jeff Cheney; Alison M. Richards; Leonard Haran; Mike Tyler
Cc: lvallario@garcosheriff.com
Subject: SPEAR Board Meeting agenda April 2023.docx
Attachments: SPEAR Board Meeting agenda April 2023.docx

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:24 AM
To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston
Subject: GSPI Interview

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My Fellow Crime Fighters,

Cassandra from the GSPI has been wanting to do a story on SPEAR. I told her if you are interested, we could do 11-11:30 on Thursday, prior to our meeting. If not, I'll handle it.

Also, because I have another commitment Thursday at 1ish, I would like to host the meeting at the GCSO.

Please let me know. Standing by……..

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 8:13 PM
To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Jeff Cheney; Steven Knight; Leonard Haran
Subject: Fwd: Creston Toovey

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Introducing a new shopping program at Lowe's: steal whatever you want because they won't cooperate with law enforcement.

If I ever buy anything from them again, I'd be curious to know how much of that price is to cover their losses from their "open steal" policy?

On the other hand, I can't wait for Christmas stealing season! I know where I'm getting all my gifts from!

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> **From:** Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
> **Date:** April 12, 2023 at 12:09:19 PM MDT
> **To:** Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
> **Subject: RE: Creston Toovey**
>
> So we are thinking just under $32,000 from Lowes. When the Theft prevention guys came out to the scene, they did point out a number of items that were of "Home Depot" brand but we were not able to prove they were stolen as well. When we conducted a follow-up SW of Toovey's house we weren't able to locate Home Depot receipts etc to help with the fraud scam. From what I have heard, Home Depot has the same "Open Steal" policy as Lowes for shit sakes.
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Lou Vallario [LVallario@garcosheriff.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023 11:57 AM
> **To:** Mike Tyler
> **Subject:** Re: Creston Toovey
>
> Shocking. Can you give me an idea of the dollar amount stolen from Lowe's and was some of the stuff from Home Depot? If so, are they cooperating.?
>
> Lou Vallario

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On Apr 12, 2023, at 11:20 AM, Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org> wrote:

Howdy Boss
You know that case we've been working on reference to Creston Toovey and all those stolen tools. Well go figure, Lowes is less than cooperative when it comes to theft. We even asked them to check the system for all the ID's we found to help with the fraud side of things and they claimed to not have anything on any of them, which is BS. Regardless we are still going after him with what we can. I attached the SSOF Brent wrote up for your reading pleasure, and O yeah, We are stuck giving all those tools back to Toovey because Lowes wont follow through with them being stolen.....WTF
<Toovey Spear Statement of Facts (1).doc>

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 11:02 AM
To: Mike Tyler; Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Leonard Haran; Steven Knight; Jeff Cheney
Subject: RE: Stats for March

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I get the fact that these are "rolling" cases and may not be reportable in the same month they were initiated. However, If we want to keep SPEAR in the public eye to maintain support, it is very important than when those cases are resolved they are reported in that current month's stats. Once we start a pattern of monthly reporting to the public, it won't matter when they are resolved and reported, just that they are!

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To: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Leonard Haran <leonard.haran@ice.dhs.gov>; Steven Knight <Steven.L.Knight@dea.gov>; Jeff Cheney <jcheney@9daco.org>
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Narcotics Seized:
2,226 Fentanyl pills
625.88 grams (TGW) of Methamphetamine

We have also seized a small amount of Heroin and prescription pills.

XXXX

Seized approx 950 Fentanyl pills
12 grams of Fentanyl powder
Possibly 27 grams of liquid Fentanyl (Needs to be tested at CBI)
433 grams of Methamphetamine
A couple grams of Cocaine

One of the incidents that our team handled was a joint effort with the Grand Junction Task Force to arrest an attempted homicide suspect out of GJ that lives up here. Although we put together an operation and arrested him, the case is still open because of a larger picture involving distribution. So this op/stat was not included in the above numbers.....yet.

Thank you
Tyler

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Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 10:42 AM
To: Mike Tyler
Cc: Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Leonard Haran; Steven Knight; Jeff Cheney
Subject: RE: Stats for March

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10-4 (that means ok)!

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Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 8:59 AM
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That case involving Creston Toovey is still open as well. Brent had been waiting on Lowes to track some of the ID's we found to tie them to Creston's associates in the Fraud/Theft side of things. It doesn't look like we will get much help from Lowes (go figure) on that. I spoke with Brent and he is now working on putting together a SSOF to send of to the DA's office. That will include the drug charges we have been holding off on as well. When we get the AW and arrest Toovey we should be able to close out the case and stat it, kind of like the Attempted murder suspect we grabbed that we are waiting to close on.
Good times my friends

From: Lou Vallario [LVallario@garcosheriff.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2023 9:11 AM
To: Mike Tyler
Cc: Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Leonard Haran; Steven Knight; Jeff Cheney
Subject: Re: Stats for March

What about all of those stolen tools we recovered???

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Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 9:11 AM
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Cc: Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Leonard Haran; Steven Knight; Jeff Cheney
Subject: Re: Stats for March

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Thank you
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Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2023 11:24 AM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Steven Knight; Leonard Haran; Mike Tyler; Jeff Cheney; Josh Craine; Colt Cornelius
Cc: Patrol Supervisors
Subject: Fwd: Elected Os in County Pages

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Cc: mtyler@tridentnarc.org
Subject: 2024 rebuttal opportunity

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The survey says……we will meet on Thursday 3/16 11:30 at Rifle PD. The intent of this meetings is a business meeting to discuss expenditures, assets, and other related issues that require a board vote. This eliminates having to discuss these issues in our larger meeting.

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NEWS RELEASE

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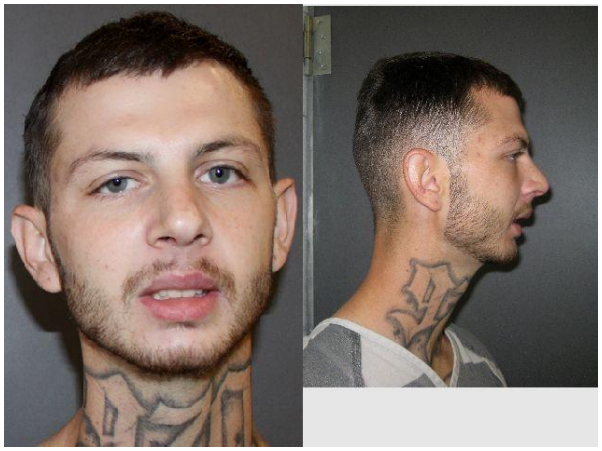
Date: June 2, 2023
Time: 2:40 PM

Title: Fentanyl Distribution Arrest

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO. –



Fentanyl pills, methamphetamine and cash confiscated



Anthony Toovey

Garfield County SPEAR (Special Problem Enforcement and Response) Task Force conducted an investigation into the distribution of fentanyl on 06-01-23. The investigation resulted in the seizure of approximately 1300 Fentanyl pills, 45 grams of methamphetamine and $2000.00.

Anthony Toovey was arrested during the investigation. Anthony Toovey has been arrested four times this year by the SPEAR task force alone. In total for 2023, since being released from the Department of Corrections and placed on parole on 02-28-2023. Anthony Toovey has been arrested eight times in Garfield County.

Additional arrests are expected from this investigation.

Spear will continue to focus on criminals that cause the most community harm in Garfield County.

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Colorado River Fire Rescue and the Garfield County Emergency Communication Authority assisted SPEAR in this operation.

SPEAR is a multi-jurisdictional task force based out of the Garfield County area. Anyone with information on criminal activity is encouraged to call SPEAR at (970) 945-0453 or contact your local law enforcement agency.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Any questions please contact SPEAR Board Chairman, Sheriff Lou Vallario at (970) 945-0453.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

The mission of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office is to provide solutions for the people through professional, ethical and compassionate conduct.

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Date: July 19, 2023
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Title: SPEAR-Protecting Our Communities

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO. –
SPEAR is the major crimes unit of Garfield County Law Enforcement and is the 'tip of the sword' when it comes to fighting crime and protecting our residents.

SPEAR was organized and repurposed from our long-standing drug task force, TRIDENT, and our successful gang task force, TAG.

Since January 2023, SPEAR has made a significant impact on curtailing crime throughout Garfield County. Their success speaks for itself.

During the first six months, SPEAR has:

1) Responded 332 times to assist all law enforcement agencies
2) Opened 70 criminal cases
3) Made 56 arrests
4) Seized 21 guns
5) Recovered 14 vehicles
6) Seized illegal drugs including:
    a. 6356 Fentanyl pills
    b. 12 grams of Fentanyl powder
    c. 27 grams of Fentanyl liquid
    d. 1381 grams of Methamphetamine
    e. 9.65 grams of Cocaine
    f. 1.5 grams of Heroin

SPEAR will continue to be at the forefront of combating crime in Garfield County. If you are committing crimes, you **will** be arrested!

SPEAR is a multi-jurisdictional task force consisting of law enforcement officers from the following agencies: Garfield County Sheriff's Office, Rifle Police Department, Glenwood Springs Police Department, DEA, Homeland Security Investigations and the United States Marshal's Service. Additionally, SPEAR could not be successful without our partners at all of our local and state law enforcement agencies.

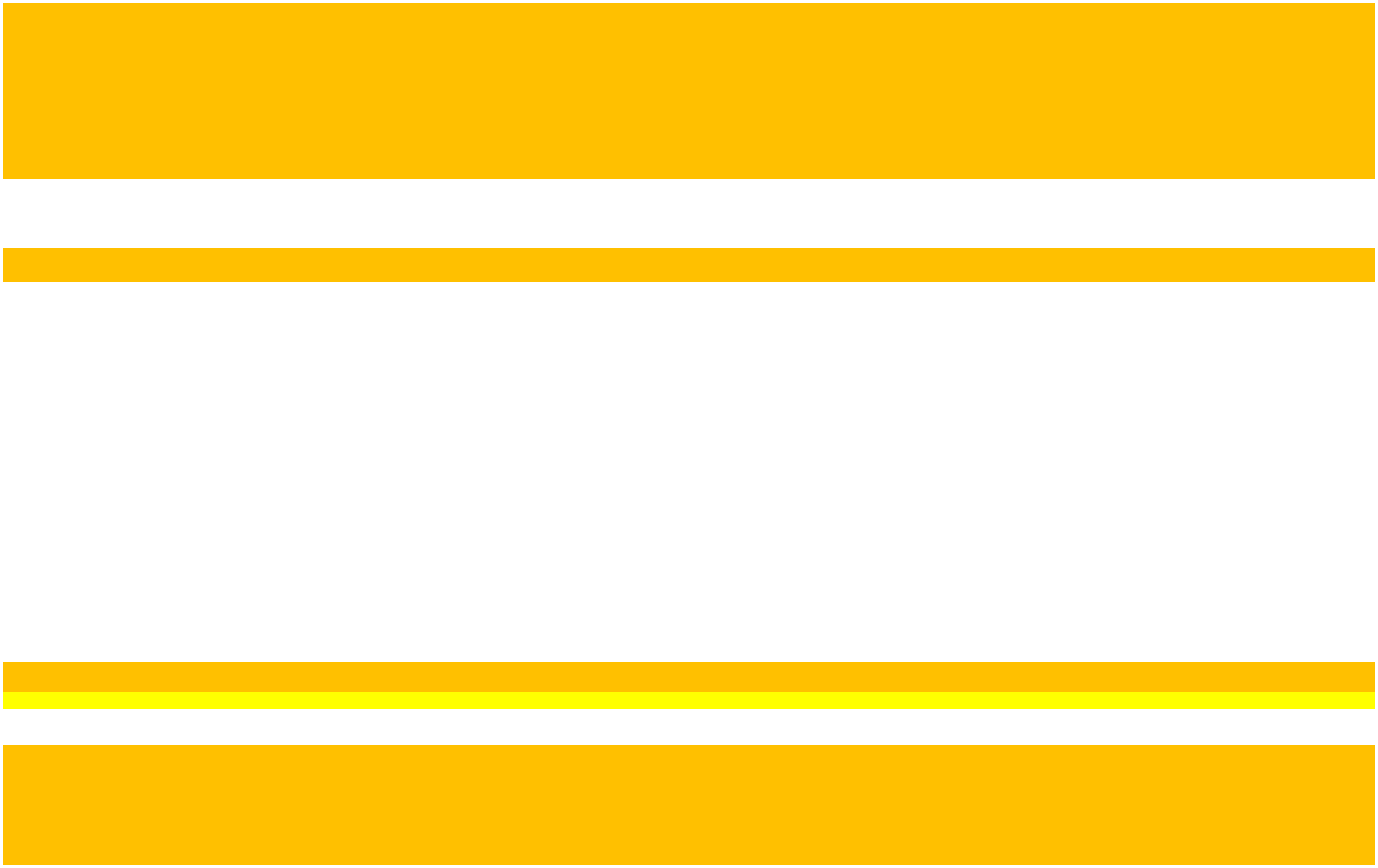
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Bill No.	Division	Title	Summary	Effective Date	Policy and Training Considerations
HB21-1250	Informational	Use of Restrictive Practices in Prisons	The bill applies only to the DOC, not to local jails, and therefore this is informational only. The bill: - Requires DOC, by July 1, 2027, to implement and amend protocols to continuously monitor its minimum standards per SCIOAC on restrictive housing; - Requires DOC to publish on its website each correctional facility (Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility and Sterling Correctional Facility), Fort Lyon Correctional Facility and Denver Women's Correctional Facility, and each behavioral health unit in a correctional facility, that uses restrictive practices, as defined in section 17-1-102 (3.2), C.R.S.; - Requires DOC to annually evaluate every individual at intake to determine risk of harm and prior experience with clinical trauma treatments; - Requires DOC to annually report to the general assembly the total number of individuals that have been placed for orders for involuntary medication for 180 days and for a number of psychotropic medications greater than 3 for 90 days, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender; and - Requires mediation and related protocol for parties.	5-Jun-2021	Informational; leverage the requirements to ensure facilities are properly prior
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HB21-1315	Criminal	Felonious Assault Enhancement Sale, Trading	The bill establishes the categories of assets that are liable for the enforcement of the felony to the U.S. Department of Justice, the Drug Enforcement Administration, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any other federal agency that has jurisdiction over the property. The bill requires that the property be seized by the state or local law enforcement

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County Sheriffs of Colorado
End of Session Report
74th General Assembly
2023

Legislative Session Dates: January 9, 2023 – May 8, 2023

Session Overview:
Colorado's General Assembly officially concluded the 2023 Legislative Session on Monday, May 8th. The legislature convened on January 9th, 2023, to kick off the first regular session of the 74th General Assembly. Following the election in November of 2022, the capitol saw many new faces in both chambers, with the House moving into a Democrat super majority (46 Democrats and 19 Republicans), and the Senate remaining in Democrat control with 12 Republicans and 23 Democrats. Senate leadership remained consistent with Senator Steve Fenberg as the President and Senator Dominick Moreno as Senate Majority Leader. In the House, Representative Julie McCluskie was elected as Speaker of the House and Representative Monica Duran serves as the Majority Leader.

There were some notable "firsts" this year. It is the first time there has been a declared "socialist caucus", first time legislative members frequently and consistently "trolled" legislative leadership on social media. It is the first time legislative aides openly took positions on bills and questioned the motives of policy makers on social media, first time the entire Republican Caucus walked out to protest a vote, and the first time the legislature met on a Sunday in 84 years.

Heading into the 2023 legislative session, given the stronghold Democrats had in both chambers, there was growing concern that the business community would face several challenging pieces of legislation. This concern proved to be true, particularly with legislation introduced by the extremely progressive faction in the House.

This session, like previous years, saw legislation introduced that spanned the breadth of Colorado's industries -- Affordable Housing, Health Care Transparency, Property Taxes, Climate Change, and Criminal Justice to name a few. The last few days of session proved to be particularly contentious with several major policy changes supported by the Governor and touted as his highest priorities being left until the final week.

The General Assembly said "No" to Gov. Jared Polis when they killed SB 23 213, a major overhaul of Colorado's local government land use system. The opposition lead by Colorado Counties Inc. and the Colorado Municipal League provided Polis was his first major policy defeat. The bill as introduced, imposed state mandates and effectively stripped local governments of their authority over land use and zoning. The measure died on the calendar after bitter and long negotiations failed between local government supporters and those pursuing a statewide solution failed to find a compromise between the Senate and House versions of the bill.

As the 2023 legislative session has come to a close and we take some time to reflect on the work that has been done, the challenges we have faced and the victories we had, small and large, the HBS team will quickly pivot to monitoring interim activity and continuing our work on building strong relationships and ensuring our clients have a seat at the table for next year's legislative session.

Fiscal Year 2023 to 2024 Budget Overview
Following years of explosive revenue growth and pandemic-fueled federal funds relief, the Colorado General Assembly faced a budget year with modest growth, and many new faces at the table. Five of the six members of the Joint Budget Committee were new to the JBC, and each member represented a caucus with several new legislators.

JBC members called this budget a "meat and potatoes" budget, that provided funding for implementation of current programs, rather than adding new and "shiny" programmatic funding. Much of the new spending will appear in legislation, which Governor Jared Polis had a heavy hand in directing. The final budget totals $41 billion, including $15 billion General Fund, a roughly 11% General Fund increase over last year.

Highlights:

- Statewide: 15% statutory General Fund reserve
- Dept. of Corrections: The bill includes an increase of $7,334,441 General Fund to adjust appropriations for the forecasted male prison population in FY 2023-24
- Dept. of Early Childhood: The bill includes $322.0 million total funds, including $167.5 million General Fund, to pay for 15-25 hours of preschool for children
- Dept. of Education: Includes $7.5 million General Fund for CSI mill levy equalization; the School Finance Act includes an additional $2.5 million for equalization, and $180 million to buy down the budget stabilization factor
- Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing: The bill includes a net increase of $366.6 million total funds, including an increase of $625.0 million General Fund, based on the projected caseload and expenditures under current law and policy for Medicaid and other entitlement programs.
- Dept. of Higher Education: The bill includes an increase of $119,928,082 General Fund (11.5 percent) for the public institutions of higher education.
- Dept. of Human Services: The bill includes $26.6 million total funds, including $16.3 million General Fund, for a 3.0 percent community provider rate increase
- $642M in placeholders for 2023 legislation, including the following set asides:
    - $103M for workforce related legislation
    - $221M for housing related legislation, including property tax relief
    - $16M for legislation related to topics other than workforce or housing (see page 4 of the budget narrative for more details)
    - $30M for legislator priorities proposed by the General Assembly

Items that are specifically relevant to CSOC are as follows:

- The bill includes an increase of $2.8 million General Fund to expand staff and capacity in the Forensic Services Division in response to increasing workload; Includes forensic navigators who work in the counties to help reduce overcrowding in county jails.

- The bill includes an increase of $283,709 General Fund for the Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE) system.

CSOC Specific Focus

Despite the odds, we had a few big wins this year! Rep. Bob Marshall's "little Hatch Act" for sheriffs bill was postponed indefinitely in the Senate Judiciary committee at the request of the Senate sponsor - that was a fun day. And on the 2nd to last day of the session, HB 1249 (juveniles in the criminal justice system) was amended with a strike below that completely changed the bill to simply require additional reporting/data analysis and provide more funding to local collaborative management programs. Many individual CSOC members took advantage of opportunities to raise CSOC's profile and the capitol by coming down to testify or simply volunteering to spend time in the building. As we continue to develop relationships with the newer legislators we continue to win them over and ensure that they view CSOC as a resource and an asset to their legislative efforts. Bills we actively worked on this year are listed and described below.

Priority Legislation:

Bill #	Bill Title	Position	Status	Effective Date
HB23-1042	Admissibility Standards for Juvenile Statements	Oppose	Passed	August 7, 2023
HB23-1086	Due Process Asset Forfeiture Act	Amend	Passed	September 1, 2023
HB23-1102	Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Enforcement	Support	Passed	Upon signature
HB23-1135	Penalty for Indecent Exposure in View of Minors	Support	Passed	Upon signature
HB23-1155	Advisement During Custodial Interrogation	Amend	Passed	July 1, 2023
HB23-1164	Opioid Harm Reduction	Support	Lost	Not applicable
HB23-1169	Limit Arrest for Low-level Offenses	Oppose	Lost	Not applicable
HB23-1182	Remote Public Access to Criminal Court Proceedings	Amend	Passed	August 7, 2023
HB23-1187	Alternatives in Criminal Justice System and Pregnant Persons	Amend	Passed	Upon signature
HB23-1202	Overdose Prevention Center Authorization	Oppose	Lost	Not applicable
HB23-1206	County Sheriffs and District Attorneys	Oppose	Lost	Not applicable
HB23-1217	Motor Vehicles Tows and Crime Victims	Amend	Passed	August 7, 2023
HB23-1230	Prohibit Assault Weapons in Colorado	Oppose	Lost	Not applicable
HB23-1238	Protection for Helicopter Search and Rescue	Support	Lost	Not applicable
HB23-1246	Support In-demand Career Workforce	Support	Passed	Upon signature

HB23-1249	Reduce Justice-involvement for Young Children	**Oppose**	Passed	August 7, 2023
HB23-1258	Drug Crime Cost Task Force	**Oppose**	Passed	August 7, 2023
HB23-1286	Increase Penalty Cruelty Police and Service Animals	**Support**	Passed	August 7, 2023
SB23-011	Minor Driver's Education Requirements	**Support**	Lost	Not applicable
SB23-018	Ongoing Funding for 911 Resource Center	**Support**	Lost	Not applicable
SB23-022	Possession of Weapon by Previous Offender Crimes	**Support**	Lost	Not applicable
SB23-039	Reduce Child and Incarcerated Parent Separation	**Neutral**	Passed	January 1, 2024
SB23-058	Job Application Fairness Act	**Neutral**	Passed	August 7, 2023
SB23-070	Mandatory School Resource Officer Training	**Support**	Passed	Upon signature
SB23-097	Motor Vehicle Theft and Unauthorized Use	**Support**	Passed	July 1, 2023
SB23-109	Criminal Penalty Controlled Substance Supplier	**Support**	Lost	Not applicable
SB23-169	Increasing Minimum Age to Purchase Firearms	**Amend**	Passed	August 7, 2023
SB23-170	Extreme Risk Protection Order Petitions	**Amend**	Passed	Upon signature
SB23-249	False Reporting of Emergency	**Support**	Passed	Upon signature
SB23-254	Search Warrant Procedures	**Oppose**	Passed	Upon signature
SB23-257	Auto Theft Prevention Cash Fund	**Support**	Passed	Upon signature
SB23-277	Public Safety Programs Extended Uses	**Support**	Passed	Upon signature

Priority Legislation Summaries:

HB23-1042: Admissibility Standards for Juvenile Statements *(Reps. Bacon, Sharbini/Sen. Gonzales)*
This bill makes any statement or admission of a juvenile presumptively inadmissible in court if a law enforcement official knowingly uses untruthful information or belief, as defined in the bill, prior to or during the custodial interrogation, unless the prosecution can prove that the statement was made voluntarily despite the deception. Law enforcement must electronically record all juvenile custodial integrations regardless of the nature of the offense, and are encouraged to adopt and follow national model policies concerning interrogations involving a juvenile. The bill also requires the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board (POST Board) to develop a live virtual training program on:

- juvenile development and culture and its impact on interviews and custodial interrogations; interpreting juvenile behavior during an interview or custodial interrogation;
- techniques for building rapport with juveniles;

- alternative communication methods for juveniles with intellectual and developmental disabilities;
- constructing age-appropriate statements and questions; and
- cautions and considerations for interviewing and interrogation juveniles in custody.

The bill requires the state to provide the training on at least ten different dates prior to February 28, 2024, and to cover any reasonable direct local law enforcement agency cost associated with the training.

HB23-1086: Due Process Asset Forfeiture Act *(Reps. DeGraaf, Joseph/Sens. Winter, Baisley)*
This bill updates what is included in the Department of Local Affairs' (DOLAs) civil asset forfeiture report. Changes include collecting certain information on the outcome of the forfeiture proceeding, including if the owner defaulted or was an innocent owner, or if the property was forfeited by court order, settlement, or plea agreement. The bill also requires DOLA to report on the estimated value of the property.

HB23-1100: Restrict Government Involvement in Immigration Detention *(Reps. Ricks, Garcia/Sens. Gonzales, Jaquez Lewis)*
Beginning January 1, 2024, the bill prohibits state and local governments from:

- entering into an agreement to detain individuals in an immigration detention facility operated by a private entity;
- selling property for the purpose of establishing an immigration detention facility operated by a private entity;
- paying a private entity for the operation of an immigration facility;
- receiving payment related to the detention of individuals in an immigration detention facility from a private entity; or
- giving financial incentive or benefit to a private entity or person that operates an immigration detention facility.

Beginning January 1, 2024, the bill prohibits state and local governments from entering into or renewing an immigration detention agreement. Any entity that currently has an agreement must terminate the agreement as soon as possible within the terms of the agreement.

HB23-1102: Alcohol & Drug Impaired Driving Enforcement *(Reps. Bird, Evans/Sens. Hansen, Roberts)*
This bill expands high-visibility drunk driving enforcement programs to include both alcohol and drug-impaired driving. It requires the Transportation Commission to annually allocate $1.5 million from the State Highway Fund to the Office of Transportation Safety in the Department of Transportation (CDOT) for distribution to local governments that implement high-visibility alcohol and drug-impaired driving enforcement.

HB23-1135: Penalty for Indecent Exposure in View of Minors *(Reps. Michaelson Jenet, Bird/Sens. Zenzinger, Smallwood)*
Under current law, indecent exposure is a class 1 misdemeanor; but, if the perpetrator has two prior indecent exposure convictions then it is a class 6 felony. This bill makes the perpetrator's first indecent exposure offense a class 6 felony if committed in the view of a minor.

HB23-1155: Advisement During Custodial Interrogation *(Reps. Weissman, Bacon/Sen. Gonzales)*
This bill prohibits the court from admitting as evidence in any criminal trial a statement made by the defendant unless the defendant received a statement of their Miranda rights or the prosecution can establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant waived their rights.

HB23-1164: Opioid Harm Reduction *(Rep. Lynch)*
This bill attempted to eliminate "knowingly" from the synthetic opiate possession crime, as well as the provision that reduces a level 4 drug felony for possession of 1 to 4 grams of synthetic opiates to a level 1 drug misdemeanor if the defendant made a reasonable mistake of fact that the drugs contained synthetic opiates. It would have created the Opioid Antagonist Fund in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to bulk purchase and distribute opioid antagonists to eligible schools. It also would have extended good Samaritan protections to any person acting on behalf of CDE to furnish an opioid antagonist to an eligible school. Finally, the bill required every agency employing a peace officer to submit annual reporting to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) concerning every incident in which a peace officer administered an opioid antagonist to an individual. HB 1164 was postponed indefinitely by the House Judiciary committee.

HB23-1165: County Authority to Prohibit Firearms Discharge *(Reps. Amabile, McCormick/Sens. Roberts, Jaquez Lewis)*
This bill would have expanded the authority of a board of county commissioners to prohibit the discharge of firearms in unincorporated areas. The bill repealed the exemption in current law allowing the firing of guns on private property. Under current law, counties may prohibit firing of guns in designated areas with a minimum population density; this bill required instead that designated areas have a minimum of 35 dwellings per square mile. It also provided that a county ordinance may not prohibit the discharge of firearms in designated areas by peace officers, in indoor shooting galleries in private residences, at a qualifying sport shooting range, or by persons engaged in lawful hunting, livestock management, or a wildlife management activity. HB 1165 failed to pass out of the Senate Local Government committee.

HB23-1169: Limit Arrest for Low-level Offenses *(Rep. Bacon)*
This bill attempted to require that a summons be issued, in lieu of an arrest, for all petty offenses, drug petty offenses, class 2 traffic misdemeanor offenses, and all municipal offenses where there is no comparable state misdemeanor offense. Under the bill, an arrest warrant could be ordered if the location of the person is unknown and is necessary to subject the person to the jurisdiction of the court. The bill also made certain exceptions to the requirement to issue a summons be issued in lieu of an arrest for domestic violence cases, victim rights crimes, offenses involving impaired driving, traffic offenses involving bodily injury or death, persons eluding a police office, and cases where an officer is statutorily required to make an arrest. The bill did not limit the authority of an officer to execute an arrest warrant, including warrants issued for failure to appear in court. Lastly, the bill encouraged law enforcement agencies that serve a community with a co-responder or diversion opportunities to collaborate with those organizations to increase their usage. HB 1169 was postponed indefinitely by the House Judiciary committee.

HB23-1182: Remote Public Access to Criminal Court Proceedings *(Reps. Mabrey, Epps/Sens. Fields, Gardner)*
This bill requires all Colorado courts, including municipal courts, to make criminal court proceedings conducted in open court available for remote public viewing unless

- the courtroom does not have the technological capability to make the proceedings available to the public
- the court has ordered that the public is excluded from the proceedings;
- technology, staffing, or internet issues limit or prevent remote observation; or after a request the court makes findings that the remote observation of live proceedings risks compromising the safety of any person, the defendants right to a fair trial, or the victims rights; and there is no less restrictive alternative that preserves the public interest in remote observation.

The bill also requires the court to take reasonable steps to ensure that no audio or visual transmission of privileged, confidential communications occurs; and if a proceeding is subject to a sequestration order, take reasonable steps to ensure compliance with such order.

HB23-1202: Overdose Prevention Center Authorization *(Reps. Epps, Willford/Sens. Priola, Gonzales)*
This bill would have permitted municipalities to authorize the operation of an overdose prevention center within its boundaries after holding a public hearing. Overdose prevention centers are defined as facilities providing space for individuals to use previously obtained controlled substances under the supervision of healthcare professionals or other trained staff for the purpose of providing life-saving treatment in the event of a potential overdose, as well as access to other harm reduction services. HB 1202 was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Health & Human Services committee.

HB23-1206: County Sheriffs & District Attorneys *(Rep. Marshall/Sen. Hinrichsen)*
As introduced, this bill attempted to make changes to the offices of county sheriffs and district attorneys, including:

- prohibiting their nomination through a primary election and instead, requiring that they file a nomination petition with the Secretary of State at least 55 days before the general election;
- prohibiting their participation in party committees and the listing of their political affiliation on the ballot;
- requiring county sheriff candidates in counties with populations of 25,000 or more to have a Bachelor's degree or higher in criminal justice or a related field; and
- limiting the political activities of employees in county sheriff offices, with violators subject to a civil penalty of up to $1,000.

The bill was amended in the House judiciary committee to simply limit the political activities of employees in county sheriff offices, including the county sheriff, when in uniform or using public property. The specific political activities prohibited are outlined in the bill and violators would be subject to a civil penalty of up to $1,000 and could be dismissed from service. The bill provided that an individual could file an affidavit with the district attorney to report a violation and the district attorney will investigate and prosecute the violation. The Attorney General could also file and prosecute complaints under the bill. At the request of the Senate sponsor of the bill, HB 1206 was postponed indefinitely in the Senate Judiciary committee.

HB23-1217: Motor Vehicles Tows & Crime Victims *(Rep. Froelich/Sen. Fields)*
As introduced, this bill created a new state-owned enterprise within the PUC to collect fees to cover the costs associated with towing and storage for crime victims. This approach met with resistance from the Governor's office so the bill was amended to require that during the 2023 legislative interim session, the Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TLRC) analyze the issue of crime victims whose vehicles have been nonconsensually towed, either by law enforcement or from private property. The TLRC must make recommendations to the General Assembly and may recommend legislation as part of the interim committee bill request process.

HB23-1219: Waiting Period to Deliver a Firearm *(Reps. Froelich, Amabile/Sens. Hansen, Sullivan)*
Starting October 1, 2023, the bill establishes a waiting period for the delivery of a firearm by a seller to a purchaser. Sellers must wait three days or until required background checks are completed, whichever occurs later in time. Violations are civil infractions punishable by a fine of $500 for the first offense and ranging from $500 to $5,000 for subsequent offenses. Finally, the bill clarifies the authority of local governments to establish a waiting period longer than described in the bill.

HB23-1230: Prohibit Assault Weapons in Colorado *(Rep. Epps/Sen. Fields)*
This bill would have prohibited the possession of rapid-fire trigger activators and the manufacture, import, purchase, sale, or transfer of assault weapons, including rapid-fire trigger activators. The bill made failure to comply with these prohibitions a class 2 misdemeanor, with a civil penalty of $1,000 for offenses between July 1, 2023, and December 31, 2024, and $5,000 for offenses on or after January 1, 2025. A licensed gun dealer, firearms dealer, gun show vendor, or person attempting to sell an assault weapon on or after July 1, 2023, would have been assessed a civil penalty of $250,000 for the first weapon sold and $500,000 for subsequent sales. The bill made exceptions to these prohibitions for military and peace officer job duties, lawful transfers for maintenance, and forensic laboratories, among others. HB 1230 was postponed indefinitely by the House Judiciary committee.

HB23-1238: Protection for Helicopter Search & Rescue *(Reps. Taggart, Lukens)*
This bill would have extended immunity from civil liability for damage or injury to an individual, nonprofit organization, for-profit corporation, private organization, or other person that voluntarily assists a local government with use of a helicopter for search and rescue operations. Immunity is extended if the organization or individual:

- has an agreement to operate the helicopter on behalf of the governmental entity leading the search and rescue operation;
- employs or contracts with a licensed pilot;
- meets certain safety and training requirements; and
- is in compliance with all requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The bill also established criteria that pilots and helicopters used in search and rescue operations must satisfy in order to qualify for immunity. Unfortunately due to pushback from the trial lawyers and Colorado Search & Rescue, the bill was postponed indefinitely by the House State Affairs committee, at the request of the sponsors.
HB23-1246: Support in Demand Career Workforce (Reps. McCluskie, Pugliese/Sens. Buckner, Will)
This bill creates two new programs to encourage the completion of credentials for specific occupations and provides funding for new short-term nursing programs. The In-Demand Short-Term Credentials

Program provides funding to eligible institutions to cover tuition, fees, books, and material supplies for students pursuing short-term credentials in early childhood, education, law enforcement, firefighting, forestry, construction, and nursing. Eligible institutions include community colleges, technical colleges, local district colleges, area technical colleges, and Colorado Mesa University. This program is administered by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education in the state's Community College System (CCCS) and continues through FY 2025-26. The bill appropriates $38.6 million dollars for the program, of which no more than 1 percent may be used for administration and no more than $80,000 may be used for marketing purposes. The Construction Registered Apprenticeship Grant Program provides grants for apprenticeship programs in the construction trades to provide training to apprentices at no cost. This program is administered by the Office of Future Work in the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE). The bill appropriates $1.4 million for the program in FY 2023-24. Lastly, the bill provides $5.0 million to the Department of Higher Education (CDHE) to establish two new short-term degree nursing programs at community and technical colleges.

HB23-1249: Reduce Justice Involvement for Young Children *(Reps. Gonzales-Gutierrez, Armagost/Sens. Coleman, Simpson)*
The minimum age for criminal prosecution in Colorado is 10. As introduced, HB 1249 sought to raise the age to 13, except when a child is suspected of committing homicide. The bill passed the House, but ran into trouble in the Senate. In the final 2 days of the session, the bill was gutted, removing the change in minimum prosecution age. The Senate replaced that provision with funding for the local collaborative management programs (CMPs) the bill would have referred child offenders to in lieu of the juvenile justice system. Under the original bill, children aged 10 to 12 who commit crimes would have been referred to their local CMPs to get resources, such as therapy or family counseling. It would have also increased the minimum age when a child can be tried as an adult from 12 to 14 years old, and limited charging minors as adults to cases of class 1 or 2 felonies or crimes of violence.

After passing the House in a 40-25 vote, the bill went to the Senate where it was debated on the floor for around 10 hours over three days. During the debates, bill sponsors made 15 amendments to the bill before eventually rewriting it completely, including adding exemptions for felony sex crimes, violent crimes causing serious bodily injury and attempted murder with a gun. Our opposition coalition continued to lobby the Senate explaining that those changes were not enough, and the use of CMPs to provide services to child offenders is impractical. The bill as amended increases funding for CMPs by more than $2.3 million for training and services for children who have had contact with law enforcement, are at risk of becoming involved with the juvenile justice system, or would otherwise benefit from services. It also provides $2 million to help counties without CMPs set them up, though counties are not required to do so. The programs must report annually the number of juvenile offenders they serve, as well as their age, demographics, referrals, services and outcomes. And it requires district attorneys to annually report the number of 10- through 12-year-olds who were charged with criminal offenses or participated in diversion programs.

HB23-1258: Drug Crime Cost Task Force *(Reps. Sharbini, Garcia/Sen. Cutter)*
This bill creates the Evaluating the Costs Associated with Enforcement of Drug Laws and Incarceration for Drug Crimes Task Force in the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Its members

are to be appointed by January 15, 2024, and it must meet at least two times between March 1, 2024, and May 1, 2024, to consider a study conducted by the University of Colorado on the cost associated with drug crime enforcement. The task force must make legislative recommendations regarding how money saved by a reduction in drug crimes or related sentencing could be spent to reduce substance use or dependence in the state by June 1, 2024. Task force members must be reimbursed for expenses, and the CDPHE must provide the task force with staff assistance, meeting space, or audio-visual communication technology resources, as necessary, upon request. The School of Public Health at the University of Colorado is required to conduct an actuarial cost study evaluating the costs associated with enforcement of drug laws and incarceration in the state, as detailed in the bill. The study must be provided to the task force by February 15, 2024.

HB23-1286: Increase Penalty Cruelty Police and Service Animals *(Reps. Duran, Armagost/Sens. Ginal, Gardner)*
This bill modifies the penalties for second and subsequent convictions for cruelty and aggravated cruelty to animals and service animals. For subsequent convictions of cruelty or aggravated cruelty to animals, offenders are required to pay a minimum fine of $1,000, and pay a minimum fine of $2,000 for subsequent convictions for cruelty or aggravated cruelty to service animals. For both offenses, offenders are also required to complete an appropriate treatment program. Finally, if a person is convicted of cruelty or aggravated cruelty to service animals, courts must order restitution to owners.

SB23-11: Minor Driver's Education Requirements *(Sen. Winter/Reps. Boesenecker, Lindsay)*
This bill would have created a tax credit for purchasing driving school or training for a minor and changes the requirements to receive a driver license and instructional permits for individuals under the age of 21. SB 11 was referred to the Senate Appropriations committee but never scheduled for hearing, so it died on the calendar.

SB23-18: Ongoing Funding for 911 Resource Center *(Sen. Fields/Rep. Amabile)*
This bill would have required annual funding of $250,000 for the Colorado 911 Resource Center (the center), paid via a warrant issued by the State Treasurer from the General Fund. Unfortunately, SB 22 was never scheduled in the House Appropriations committee and died on the calendar.

SB23-22: POWPO Crimes *(Sen. Hinrichsen/Rep. Bird)*
Under current law, it is a class 5 felony if a previous offender of certain felonies possesses, uses, or carries a weapon. This bill would have added aggravated motor vehicle theft when the threat committed with a deadly weapon or deadly force or the person used the vehicle in connection with the commission of a crime of violence. It does not include authorized use of the vehicle or other nonviolent activities to list of crimes that prohibits previous offenders from possessing a weapon. Unfortunately, SB 22 was never scheduled in the House Appropriations committee and died on the calendar.

SB23-39: Reduce Child & Incarcerated Parent Separation *(Sen. Buckner/Rep. Amabile)*
This bill makes several changes to the dependency and neglect process for parents who are incarcerated in a state or local facility, as described below. Rights for parents who are incarcerated and going through dependency and neglect. The bill establishes several requirements for parents who are incarcerated during dependency and neglect hearings, including having an attorney be appointed and

having the right and responsibility to attend and fully participate in all proceedings either in person or virtually. The bill requires the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to makes rules to facilitate communication and family time between children and parents who are incarcerated. In promulgating the rules, the CDHS must consider the impact of the rules on the Department of Corrections (DOC), jails, and county departments of human services. Dispositional hearings and treatment plans. If a child is eligible for services for out-of-home placement, and the child's parent is incarcerated, then prior to the dispositional hearing and upon knowledge of incarceration, a case worker must make reasonable efforts to involve the parent in planning services. The bill outlines what is required in making reasonable efforts, including looking for opportunities for meaningful family time. The county department must also submit a report to the court detailing services and treatment available to an incarcerated parent upon knowledge of incarceration. Permanent placements. If an incarcerated parent has maintained a meaningful and safe relationship with the child, the court must make findings regarding whether a permanent placement for the child exists that permits the parent to maintain a relationship with the child. Termination of parental relationship. The bill makes several changes to when an incarcerated parent can have their parental relationship terminated. First, the bill removes the provision that the court may terminate the parent-child relationship because an appropriate treatment plan cannot be devised due to the long term confinement of the parent. Finally, the bill allows a county department of human services to not file a motion to terminate the parent-child legal relationship if it can show that a parent who is incarcerated has a meaningful and safe relationship with the child while incarcerated, detained, or deported. Criminal justice requirements. During a criminal trial, the bill requires a presentence report and the mittimus to include whether the person is a respondent to a dependency and neglect proceeding. The bill requires the DOC to, when possible, inform the court if the department cannot facilitate a parent's transportation to a dependency and neglect hearing, requiring the parent to attend virtually; consider placing a person in a facility that facilitates opportunities for family time and notify the county of the location of that facility; develop opportunities to facilitate continued family relationships designed to mitigate trauma; designate an employee to serve as a family service coordinator; submit a report about incarcerated parents; and develop policies for communication and family time between the parent and child conducted both in-person and virtually. The bill finally requires each sheriff's office to designate at least one individual to serve as a communication liaison between the jail and the county department of human services to improve communication and ensure opportunities for family time. CSOC was very engaged in this bill from prior to its introduction until its ultimate passage. The original language of the bill would have added requirements and costs that would have been nearly impossible if not impossible for most Sheriff offices to comply with. What ultimately passed should be a model of best practices going forward for incarcerated parents and their children.

SB23-70: Mandatory School Resource Officer Training *(Sens. Kirkmeyer, Kolker/Reps. Young, Armagost)*

This bill requires the Department of Law to annually convene a training meeting for school resource officers and school officials to discuss best practices in responding to reports from the Safe2Tell program. The department may conduct a survey on Safe2Tell operations.

SB23-97: Motor Vehicle Theft & Unauthorized Use *(Sens. Zenzinger, Gardener/Reps. Bird, Soper)*
Under current law, there are two degrees of aggravated motor vehicle theft based on vehicle value. Aggravated motor vehicle theft in the first degree ranges from a class 3 felony to a class 5 felony, and aggravated motor vehicle theft in the second degree ranges from a class 5 felony to a class 1 misdemeanor. This bill modifies and reclassifies these crimes by establishing three degrees of motor vehicle theft and making the classification of the crime based on the circumstances around the crime rather than vehicle value, as follows:

- first degree motor vehicle theft, a class 3 felony (F3), for a person who has two prior convictions of auto theft;
- second degree motor vehicle theft, a class 4 felony (F4), for a person who knowingly obtains another's vehicle without authorization and there are vehicle alterations or damages, among other circumstances; and
- third degree motor vehicle theft, a class 5 felony (F5), for a person who knowingly obtains or receives another's vehicle and knows the act was without authorization.

Finally, the bill creates the offense of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a class 1 misdemeanor (M1), when a person obtains or exercises control over vehicle without owner authorization; did not commit a criminal offense, other than a misdemeanor traffic offense; and the motor vehicle is returned to the owner or recovered by law enforcement within 24 hours, with no damage to the motor vehicle.

SB23-109: Criminal Penalty Controlled Substance Supplier *(Sens. Mullica, B. Pelton/Reps. Snyder, Lynch)*
This bill would have made it a level 1 drug felony where unlawful distribution, manufacture, dispensing, or sale of any amount of a schedule I or II controlled substance results in death. This new felony was not subject to mandatory sentencing requirements unless the case involves more than:

- 225 grams of a schedule I or schedule II controlled substance;
- 112 grams of methamphetamine, heroin, ketamine, or cathinones;
- 50 milligrams of flunitrazepam; or
- 50 grams of fentanyl, cargentanil, benzimidazole opiate, or an analog thereof.

An exception was provided in cases where the distribution or transfer contains a smaller amount of a drug—less than 4 grams of a schedule I or II controlled substance; 2 grams of methamphetamine, heroin, ketamine, or cathinones; or 1 gram of fentanyl, carfentanil, benzimidazole opiate, or an analog thereof—and the distribution or transfer occurs without remuneration for the purpose of consuming all of the drug with another person at the time the drugs were exchanged. This bill unfortunately did not pass out of the House Judiciary committee.

SB23-169: Increasing Minimum Age to Purchase Firearms *(Sens. Danielson, Mullica/Reps Duran, Hamrick)*
This bill prohibits the sale of a firearm to, or purchase of a firearm by, a person less than 21 years of age. Exceptions to this prohibition are made for persons who are:

- an active member serving in the US armed forces, while on duty;
- a peace officer serving with an employing law enforcement agency, while on duty; or
- certified by the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) board.

The prohibition applies to both private and licensed dealer transactions. Violations of the prohibition are a class 2 misdemeanor for purchasers, a class 2 misdemeanor for private sellers, or a class 1 misdemeanor for licensed dealers.

SB23-170: ERPO Petitions *(Sens. Fenberg, Sullivan/Reps. Weissman, Bacon)*
The bill repeals and reenacts state law regarding extreme risk protection orders (ERPOs). Under current law, a family or household member and a law enforcement officer or agency can petition for an ERPO. The bill expands eligible petitioners to community members, educators, licensed health care professionals, and mental health professionals, clarifies which law enforcement officers may petition for an order, to include district attorneys, and clarifies the venue where petitions may be filed. The bill also requires the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to spend funds on a public education campaign regarding the availability of, and the process for requesting, an ERPO. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to establish a hotline to receive and refer calls from the public about ERPOs, to provide callers with relevant resources, and to collaborate with other state agencies to obtain information necessary or beneficial for responding to requests.

SB23-249: False Reporting of Emergency *(Sens. Van Winkle, Bridges/Reps. McLachlan, Evans)*
This bill makes falsely reporting a mass shooting or an active shooter a class 6 felony. The bill also expands the crime of false reporting an emergency to include when a threat causes a shelter-in-place order or results in the initiation of a standard response protocol. Finally, the bill adds false reporting of an emergency that is a bias-motivated crime to the Victim's Rights Acts.

SB23-254: Search Warrant Procedures *(Sens. Fields, Gonzales/Reps. Weissman, Epps)*
This bill establishes limitations and requirements for search warrants executed by law enforcement officers. First, the bill requires that no-knock warrants only be issued when there is a credible threat to the life of a person. Second, unless the court authorizes a no-knock warrant or there is a life-threatening emergency, the bill requires officers to perform the following actions regarding search warrants:

- execute the warrant between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.;
- readily identify themselves as a law enforcement officer;
- wear and activate a body-worn camera;
- knock and announce presence;
- allow a reasonable amount of time for occupants to arrive at the door; and
- delay entry when the officer reasonably believes an occupant is moving to open the door.

Finally, the bill requires the last four actions listed above be performed for warrantless entries of dwellings unless the officer is working undercover, there is a life threatening emergency, or the officer is in hot pursuit of a fleeing suspect.

SB23-257: Auto Theft Prevention Cash Fund *(Sens. Bridges, Gardner/Reps. Bockenfeld, Titone)*
This bill expands eligibility for auto theft prevention grants issued by the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Board to include victim support or technology enhancement programs. The bill also allows the General Assembly to appropriate or transfer funding to the Auto Theft Prevention Cash Fund. Under current law, the fund is limited to gifts, grants, and donations, and fees. On July 1, 2023, the bill

requires a $5 million transfer from the General Fund to the Auto Theft Prevention Cash Fund to implement a statewide education program on auto theft, to implement programs supporting victims of auto theft, provide additional overtime for law enforcement agencies, implement an auto theft prosecution program, enhance and upgrade auto theft tracking, or any direct or indirect costs associated with awarding these funds.

SB23-277: Public Safety Programs Extended Uses *(Sens. Buckner, Van Winkle/Rep. Valdez)*
This bill modifies four grant programs in the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets Grant Program received a one-time appropriation of $10.3 million in FY 2022-23. This bill permits the DPS to spend money remaining from that appropriation beginning FY 2023-24. The department must use the remaining funds for the same purposes as the original appropriation. Under current law, the grant program repeals November 1, 2023. This bill extends the program until July 1, 2027. Under current law, the Law Enforcement Workforce Recruitment, Retention, and Tuition Grant Program and the State's Mission for Assistance in Recruiting and Training Policing (SMART) Grant Program both repeal January 1, 2025. This bill extends the grant programs until July 1, 2027. The bill also expands the permissible uses of grant funds, updates reporting requirements, and authorizes DPS to provide technical support to assist in grant applications. The Behavioral Information and Data-Sharing Program received a one-time appropriation of $3.5 million in FY 2022-23. This bill permits the department to spend money remaining from that appropriation in FY 2023-24. Any money that is not expended or obligated by December 30, 2024, reverts to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Cash Fund.

Additional legislation can be found on the CSOC bill tracker here.


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SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

April 20th, 2023

Location: GCSO

Attend:

Minutes:

$$$: Fed: $ Trident: $ State: $ Evidence: $

Old Business:

The Office is in good shape, we recently got our heaters working just in time for Spring, and of course our coolers.

Swag (shirts, hats) have been ordered and should be here next week.. Also SPEAR badges have been ordered for the team to replace the TRIDENT ones.

UPDATE: We have received a shipment of the swag!

Just a reminder that our old TRIDENT emails are no longer working. We are using our parent agencies emails.

New Business:

Matt's vehicles lease is up. Tim O'Conner with Centennial Leasing reached out. We asked him to look for some type of minivan and he would get back. Matt is also going to talk with the Utah company that GSPD went through to see if we can get a better deal.

We are hopeing to have Tony back from FMLA sometime the middle of next month. Sgt Moser has been jumping in and filling the gaps as often as possible.

The Team is settling in!!!

Case updates:

TF-23-104
Between 03/07 and 03/09 of 2023, SPEAR arrested Anthony Toovey and Allen Baumgarten on warrants and seized a few ounces of meth and a handful of blues as well as 15-20 ID's. We rolled this into 2 search warrants at Creston Toovey's address and are in the process of a larger scale theft/ID case. We seized approx. $35,000 in stolen tools from Lowes and Home Depot from his garage. There will be

additional arrest warrants once we start to wrap up the investigation. This case will roll into our next board meeting.

UPDATE: The absolute lack of assistance from Lowes to help with the theft of the stolen tools and to cross-check the 15-20 ID's, forced us to give back all the merchandise to Ms. Toovey. Very frustrating to say the least!

TF-23-103
In March 2023, TFO Mulkey conducted a traffic stop on a Dodge Caravan bearing Colorado license plate BBSB33 at 800 Castle Valley Blvd. in New Castle, CO. TFO Mulkey was familiar with this vehicle from previous law enforcement contacts as belonging to Angel Cosme Marquez, DOB: 06/09/69, who, as TFO Mulkey was aware, was wanted on an active felony arrest warrant. Two other individuals were contacted in the vehicle including Angel Cosme-Oropeza, DOB: 11/07/03, Cosme-Marquez' son. During a search of the vehicle TFO's located 186.3 grams TGW of methamphetamine and 118 Fentanyl pills which were located in the vehicle.

TF-23-109
March, 2023, New Castle Police Department responded to a suspicious event at 794 Castle Valley Blvd. New Castle Officers made contact with a van and observed drug paraphernalia in plain view. During a search of the vehicle quantities of fentanyl and methamphetamine were located (Approx. 488 Fentanyl pills and 48.78 grams TGW of Meth). Two subjects were taken into custody on drug charges and warrants. These were 2 (Angel Cosme & Ashley Soldoff) of the people that we have been tracking in our area for some time.

TF-23-121/123
On 3/16/23 TFO's conducted a controlled buy from Armando Mayo (DOB 11/16/98) The CI was able to purchase approx. 100 fentanyl pills. SPEAR has been working this with the Grand Junction TF. A couple days later GJ came through with an AW for Attempted First Degree Murder on Mayo. We sat up on him and grabbed him in the Parachute area. In addition he had another 34.54 grams TGW of Meth and 138 Fentanyl pills.

TF-23-138
On March 21, 2023, SPEAR assisted the Silt Police Department with a vehicle search warrant following the arrest of Anthony Toovey, DOB: 07/20/96. The Silt Police Department located 3.0 grams TGW of methamphetamine on Toovey at the time of his arrest. Following the search, an additional 3.5 grams TGW of methamphetamine, 5 grams TGW of cocaine, 14 capsules containing 23 grams TGW of Fentanyl powder, 5 Fentanyl pills, 6 Percocet pills 9 grams TGW of an unknown substance potentially containing Fentanyl.

TF-23-133
We currently have 2 buys in on Huley Mayer in the Battlement/Parachute area for Fentanyl pills. This case is still on-going

TF-23-167/172

This is also an on-going case that SPEAR is currently working. A subject known as Skyler Brayton was possible given a Hot-Shot of either Fentanyl or DMT by Andrew Stanton in an attempt to steal his property and truck. Some evidence has been sent off to CBI for further testing. Shortly after the report, we executed a search warrant at Stanton's residence and seized a couple of phones that we are in the process of a SW.

TF-23-175/187
On 04/06, We conducted a CI/UC purchase of roughly a ¼ ounce of Cocaine from Shilo Weidman at the Glenwood Springs Walmart. This case is still open and on-going. We are hoping to work this case into the Native Son bar in Glenwood where Shilo works. We have been receiving intel that Shilo deals from the bar and tries to lure young girls in for a trade, dope for sex. We have even heard rumors of Shilo having a date rape drug behind the counter.

*There are a number of other cases that we have pulled on misdemeanor arrest warrants, agency assists like suicidal/barricades and stolen/pursuit vehicles that we have been involved with as well.

Prosecution:

DEA:

Next Meeting:

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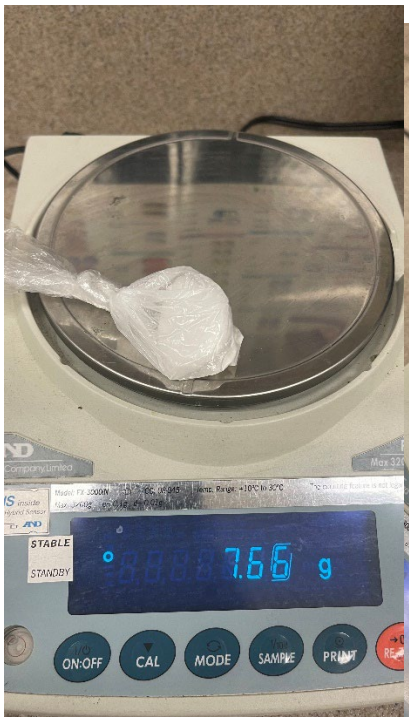
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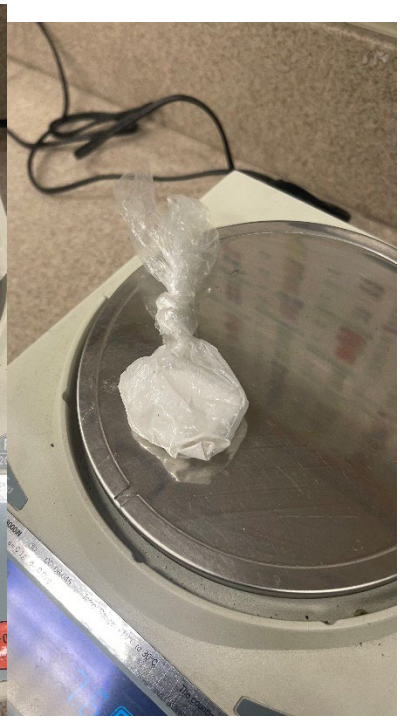
NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE AT THIS TIME

On 07-06-23 SPEAR investigators and GCSO K9 located 7 grams of powdered fentanyl that was being transported into Garfield County. Officers and Deputies need to be aware that the substance appears similar to cocaine, a white powder. SPEAR investigators have received information that multiple subjects are currently in possession and selling powdered fentanyl.

Due to the danger of fentanyl, Officers/Deputies need to be cautious when dealing with any unknown substances. When testing unknown narcotics Officers/Deputies should have access to Narcan and if possible another officer/deputy for safety.

If Officers/Deputies have any questions please contact SPEAR.





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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:47 AM
To: Mike Tyler
Cc: Debra Funston; Joseph Deras
Subject: Re: Badges - Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team - CO

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I didn't get the pictures…..

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On Feb 28, 2023, at 11:12 AM, Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org> wrote:

Last year I brought up new badges for the team. I know that we were told to hold off until we were better settled which made sense. What do you think about a new team badge now that we are moved? Right now some of us are using the TRIDENT badges and a few are using the SO and GSPD badges. The picture on the right is the current one we use for TRIDENT. The one on the left is the same format just subdued to change it up a bit (side-note, the team likes the subdued but I told them that would be the bosses call). I have been emailing Leah with Symbol Arts and hopefully the prices she gave me will come through on the attached email below. What we have done in the past is order what we need with a few extras and a few flat style for plaques when people leave with good standing.
What do you all think? Should we look at making an order or hold off for a while?
Thank you all
Tyler

P.S. They have taken the wall down in the parking area downstairs which is a huge win. We still need to get the old shelving out, and the new garage door opener is ordered and hopefully will be in hand in a couple weeks.

From: Leah Leota [lleota@SymbolArts.com]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 4:51 PM
To: Mike Tyler
Subject: RE: Badges - Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team - CO

Hi Mike,

Sounds great! Pricing does depend on quantity ordered, but I've included the breakdowns below:
1-2 Badges – $130/ea + Shipping
3-5 Badges – $120/ea + Shipping
6-9 Badges – $105/ea + Shipping
10-24 Badges – $100/ea + Shipping
25-49 Badges – $90/ea + Shipping
50-99 Badges – $85/ea + Shipping

Once you've received approval, just let me know how many badges you'll need, and the corresponding ranks!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

Leah Leota Account Manager

(801) 689-8008
lleota@symbolarts.com

From: Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:33 AM
To: Leah Leota <lleota@SymbolArts.com>
Subject: RE: Badges - Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team - CO

Hello Leah
Our team likes the subdued (Opt.3), what would the cost for a dozen or so be?
That way I can run it up the chain of command
Thank you in advance
Mike

From: Leah Leota [lleota@SymbolArts.com]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:16 AM
To: Mike Tyler
Subject: RE: Badges - Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team - CO

Hello Mike,

Here's the latest artwork for the badge. Let me know what you think!

All the best,

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From: Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 5:36 PM
To: Leah Leota <lleota@SymbolArts.com>
Subject: Re: Badges - Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team - CO

That sounds great, thank you

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 22, 2023, at 4:52 PM, Leah Leota <lleota@symbolarts.com> wrote:
>
> Hello Mike,
>
> Thank you for sending this! I've submitted to have those changes made by our art team. I should be able to send you the latest version in 3-4 business days. 😊
>
> All the best,
>
> **Leah Leota** Account Manager
>
> (801) 689-8008
> lleota@symbolarts.com

From: Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 1:44 PM
To: Leah Leota <lleota@SymbolArts.com>
Subject: RE: Badges - Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team - CO

Hello Leah
Yup thats the one, the changes would be in the wording. "DETECTIVE" on top would remain, We would replace "Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team" with "SPECIAL PROBLEM ENFORCEMNT and RESPONSE". Replace "Narcotics" with "SPEAR". The "Est 1994" would be replaced with "EST 2022". "TFO" would remain.

The second question I have is if you would send a pic of the badge in a subdued look as well. Basically I would like to bring the 2 options to the bosses and see what they think.

Thank you so much for your help

Mike

From: Leah Leota [lleota@SymbolArts.com]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 9:45 AM
To: Mike Tyler
Subject: Badges - Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team - CO

Hello Mike,

Thank you for reaching out! Is the badge I've attached to this email the correct badge you are referring to? Are you looking to make any changes to it?

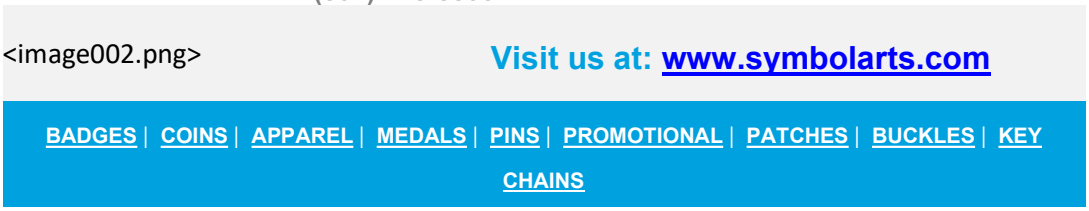
Looking forward to working with you!

All the best,

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Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 3:27 PM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: FW: Agenda
Attachments: SPEAR agenda Feb 2023.docx

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 8:40 AM
To: Bill Kimminau <bill.kimminau@cogs.us>; Chuck Burrows <cburrows@newcastlecolorado.org>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Jeff Cheney <jcheney@9daco.org>; Jeremy Maple <Jeremy.S.Maple@ice.dhs.gov>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Leonard Haran <leonard.haran@ice.dhs.gov>; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; mkite@townofsilt.org; mtyler@tridentnarc.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; Steven Knight <Steven.L.Knight@dea.gov>
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Subject: Bills for Discussion
Attachments: Juvenile Interogation .pdf; Local Firearms control.pdf; Arrest Standards.pdf

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Attached are 3 bills in process at the Capitol if you want to discuss them…..

One involves eliminating the use of deception during juvenile interrogations, One allows for County Commissioners to control the use of firearms on PRIVATE property and the third is an attempt to bring back some of our COVID arrest standards.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 10:37 AM
To: Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Joseph Deras; Josh Osborne; Leif Sackett
Subject: Response Request

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Board,

Silt PD has requested AHRT to assist them with the execution of several arrest warrants and a search warrant.

The original case was a Felony Menacing with a gun, but SPEAR became involved due to the number of bad guys, felonies, weapons, etc.

I authorized the mission, pending any dissent. It is scheduled for Thursday morning at zero-dark-thirty.

Thanks.

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-The DA has to file notice of proposed forfeiture.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 9:36 AM
To: John Stroud
Subject: Re: Inconsistent Policy

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Thanks. I think 6 people committing multiple felonies on the residents of Garfield County warrants them knowing who they are, especially since the neighbors have been complaining about this property and the issues it's creating for them. I'm glad SPEAR was able to do something for those innocent people.

Fortunately, we have a large following on our Facebook page where the residents can get the full story.

In the future, we will make sure charges are specified by criminal.

I appreciate you getting back to me with an explanation.

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Be safe and stay healthy!

> On Jan 27, 2023, at 9:25 AM, John Stroud <jstroud@postindependent.com> wrote:
>
> Hi Lou, thanks for the congrats, though I assure you this interim thing is just that. I'm ready to move on and do some other things while I still can and not be tied down as much.
>
> Couple of distinctions between the schools threat case and the drug arrests that played into the way we handled them.
>
> The incident this week presented a clear threat to public safety, and severely disrupted dozens of schools across four counties. He'll probably argue that it was "just words," but that can't be taken lightly these days. We intend to follow this case via our sister news outlet in Summit County.
>
> It's also probably worth a followup story locally on how this incident was handled in terms of the communication to schools and information being released by multiple agencies that were involved. It was very confusing trying to keep track and compile it all to best inform our readers what the heck was going on.

As for the drug bust, as is often the case with these multi-arrest cases, it was unclear from the release who was being charged with what. As a general policy, we don't name names unless it involves F3 charges or above, or if it's a case of high public interest as with this week's incident, anything involving an elected official or other high-profile person, or if it happens to be one of those "caught on video" cases that tend to draw statewide or national media, or, God forbid, the British press.

We've also seen how these drug-related charges don't get fully sorted out until they get to court, so if any of the arrestees from last week's bust end up with F3 or worse, we'll consider picking it up from there. A lot of it also has to do with our capacity to follow these cases all the way through the judicial process. If we use a name, we feel like we've committed to follow that case to its final disposition.

Hope that helps. Happy to discuss this more over coffee sometime if you'd like.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 2:24 PM
To: John Stroud <jstroud@postindependent.com>
Subject: Inconsistent Policy

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Hey John,

Congrats on your new position! I have a question: why did your paper put the photo and name of the guy who “threatened” a school in Summit county and arrested in Pitkin County, yet we arrested 6 people last week for “multiple felonies” in Garfield County, but the paper chose not to put their pics or names in the story that we provided??

Seems a little arbitrary.....

Thanks!

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 8:38 PM
To: Debra Funston; Joseph Deras
Subject: Fwd: Six arrested in Multi-Agency Operation At Hill Ranch-South of Silt, Colorado
Attachments: image001.png; image002.jpg; image003.jpg; image004.png; image005.png; image006.png; image007.png; image008.png; image009.png; 1-20-2023-Hill Ranch.pdf

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Walter Stowe <wstowe@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** January 20, 2023 at 7:36:06 PM MST
> **Subject: Six arrested in Multi-Agency Operation At Hill Ranch-South of Silt, Colorado**

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PRESS RELEASE

Date: January 20, 2023
Time: 7:35 PM

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Aerial View of Property in Garfield County Ground View at Property

In the process of contacting people at the property, investigators observed items related to the use of controlled substances. Investigators then cleared the property of additional people to avoid the destruction of evidence and for officer safety. A second search warrant was obtained allowing for an expanded search at the 2473 Co Rd 336 property.

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Those arrested at this time were:

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All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Any questions please contact SPEAR Board Chairman, Sheriff Lou Vallario at (970) 945-0453.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: Fwd: SPEAR Op

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FYI, good SPEAR hit! I used to live near this location south of Silt and the neighbors have been calling me with their concerns.

The Hills are a long time ranching family and good people, but one of their sons went rogue years ago and is behind a lot of this.

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> **From:** Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** January 20, 2023 at 8:32:42 AM MST
> **To:** Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>, Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>
> **Cc:** Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>, Mike Tyler <mtyler@tridentnarc.org>
> **Subject: SPEAR Op**
>
> All,
>
> Yesterday SPEAR assisted Rifle PD with executing a search warrant at the Hill property, (out in the county just off Jenkins Cutoff), for the recovery of a stolen vehicle that RPD had taken the initial report on. This property is fairly notorious for drug trafficking, fugitives, stolen property, guns, and other general criminal activity. After the initial warrant was executed SPEAR was able to obtain a follow up search warrant for the property and ended the day with seizing about 5 pounds of meth, several pounds of weed, other miscellaneous drugs, several guns, four stolen vehicles, and 6 suspects in custody.
>
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Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 1:16 PM
To: Bill Kimminau; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Jeff Cheney; Jeremy Maple; Joseph Deras; Josh Craine; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Leonard Haran; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; mkite@townofsilt.org; mtyler@tridentnarc.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; Steven Knight
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LLS NO. 23-0771.01 Michael Dohr x4347 **HOUSE BILL 23-1169**

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING A NON-ARREST RESPONSE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR CERTAIN LOW-LEVEL OFFENSES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill prohibits a peace officer from arresting a person based solely on the alleged commission of a petty offense, except for petty theft, a drug petty offense, a class 2 traffic misdemeanor or comparable municipal offense, and all municipal offenses for which there is no comparable state misdemeanor offense, unless the location of the person is unknown and the issuance of an arrest warrant is necessary in order to

subject the person to the jurisdiction of the court.

The bill does not limit a peace officer's authority to arrest a person for an alleged offense:

- For which custodial arrest is statutorily required;
- That is a victim rights act crime;
- For a driving under the influence or a driving while impaired offense or a municipal offense with substantially similar elements;
- That is a traffic offense involving death or bodily injury or a municipal offense with substantially similar elements;
- That is eluding or attempting to elude a police officer or a municipal offense with substantially similar elements; or
- That is operating a vehicle after circumventing an interlock device or a municipal offense with substantially similar elements.

The bill does not limit a peace officer's authority to execute an arrest warrant or require a court or sheriff as a matter of jail administration to verify compliance with the bill.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(a) The general assembly will improve public safety by addressing the root causes of crime;

(b) The commission and resulting custodial arrest of low-level offenses, commonly tied to behavioral health, substance use, and homelessness issues, which are often exacerbated by jail, are most effectively addressed by alternate-responder models or diversionary community supports;

(c) Public safety is served by responding to low-level offenses with increased services rather than custodial arrest because non-prosecution of low-level offenses has been shown to reduce reoffending, or recidivism, for these populations;

(d) Addressing low-level offenses by issuing a summons in lieu

of arrest and thereby reducing the reliance on jailing for the lowest level of offenses serves the interest of improving public safety;

(e) Alternate response, co-response, and diversion opportunities are the most effective and preferred response to low-level offenses tied to behavioral health, substance use, and homelessness;

(f) Addressing low-level offenses by issuing a summons in lieu of arrest, as well as providing diversionary health and housing tactics, is a cost-effective approach because the financial costs of arresting and jailing people are rising and the risks of harm to those arrested and jailed for low-level offenses are psychologically costly. The direct costs associated with jailing someone who needs mental health medications can reach more than $175 a day per person in some jurisdictions.

(g) A person jailed for a low-level offense can lose life-altering resources such as medicaid, housing, employment, or academic opportunities, and those losses accrue indirect long-term costs to the community;

(h) Further, of the lives lost during incidents with law enforcement, over half involved incidents that began in response to an alleged low-level offense, mental health call, or a situation in which no crime was alleged, and these deaths disproportionately affect people of color;

(i) The commission on criminal and juvenile justice represents a collaborative bipartisan body of criminal legal and law enforcement experts and recommends the use of summons in lieu of warrant or arrest for low-level offenses;

(j) The behavioral health transformational task force found in January 2022 that "in Colorado, a person with serious mental illness is

more likely to be in jail than in a care facility, resulting in jails and prisons acting as the biggest providers of mental health care in our state". Resources can be better allocated to allow for behavioral health professionals and others trained in intervention to respond to these individuals rather than law enforcement personnel.

(k) The affordable housing transformational task force cited a 2021 Urban Institute study showing it costs on average $20,000 a year to house a person who is experiencing homelessness, as compared to the $30,000 to $50,000 cost to leave that person unhoused and using emergency services like jails;

(l) The state of Colorado is preparing to make historic investments in co-responder strategies, pre-arrest and pre-trial programs, and health and housing supports for cities, counties, and municipalities to support criminal justice diversion systems as an alternative intervention for low-level offenses; and

(m) Limited law enforcement resources should be preserved for severe crimes deserving of law enforcement's skills and training, not for low-level offenses driven by poverty or mental health or substance use disorders.

(2) Therefore, the general assembly determines that it is necessary to require a summons in lieu of arrest for low-level offenses.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact, with amendments,** 16-5-206 as follows:

16-5-206. Summons in lieu of warrant or arrest - exceptions - presumptions - short title. (1) A SUMMONS IN LIEU OF ARREST MUST BE ISSUED FOR ALL PETTY OFFENSES, EXCEPT FOR THEFT IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-4-401 (2)(b); ALL DRUG PETTY OFFENSES; ALL CLASS 2

MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES; AND ANY COMPARABLE MUNICIPAL OFFENSES AND ALL MUNICIPAL OFFENSES FOR WHICH THERE IS NO COMPARABLE STATE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE, UNLESS THE LOCATION OF THE PERSON IS UNKNOWN AND THE ISSUANCE OF AN ARREST WARRANT IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO SUBJECT THE PERSON TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT.

(2) NOTHING IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION LIMITS A PEACE OFFICER'S AUTHORITY TO ARREST A PERSON FOR AN ALLEGED OFFENSE:

(a) FOR WHICH ARREST IS STATUTORILY REQUIRED, INCLUDING A CRIME ALLEGING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE;

(b) THAT IS A VICTIM RIGHTS ACT CRIME, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-4.1-302 (1);

(c) FOR A DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OR A DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED OFFENSE AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 42-4-1301, OR A MUNICIPAL OFFENSE WITH SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR ELEMENTS;

(d) THAT IS A TRAFFIC OFFENSE INVOLVING DEATH OR BODILY INJURY OR A MUNICIPAL OFFENSE WITH SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR ELEMENTS;

(e) THAT IS ELUDING OR ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE A POLICE OFFICER AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 42-4-1413, OR A MUNICIPAL OFFENSE WITH SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR ELEMENTS; OR

(f) THAT IS OPERATING A VEHICLE AFTER CIRCUMVENTING AN INTERLOCK DEVICE AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 42-2-132.5 (10), OR A MUNICIPAL OFFENSE WITH SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR ELEMENTS.

(3) NOTHING IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION LIMITS A PEACE OFFICER'S AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN ARREST WARRANT, INCLUDING A WARRANT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR.

(4) SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION CREATES OBLIGATIONS UPON AN ARRESTING PEACE OFFICER BUT DOES NOT REQUIRE A COURT OR SHERIFF, AS IT RELATES TO JAIL ADMINISTRATION, TO PERFORM A REVIEW TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(5) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT SERVES A COMMUNITY THAT HAS ALTERNATE RESPONSE, CO-RESPONSE, OR DIVERSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-LEVEL OFFENSES RELATED TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, OR HOMELESSNESS IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO COLLABORATE TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE WITH THOSE PROGRAMS TO INCREASE THEIR USAGE, ALLOWING LIMITED LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES TO BE USED FOR MORE SERIOUS OFFENSES.

(6) THIS SECTION IS KNOWN AS AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "MICHAEL MARSHALL JUSTICE ACT".

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.


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LLS NO. 23-0509.01 Jane Ritter x4342 **HOUSE BILL 23-1042**

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING NARROWING ADMISSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR JUVENILE STATEMENTS TO PROTECT THE VOLUNTARINESS OF SUCH STATEMENTS.

Bill Summary

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The bill makes any statement or admission obtained during a juvenile custodial interrogation in which a law enforcement official knowingly uses deception prior to or during the custodial interrogation presumptively inadmissible against the juvenile in an evidentiary hearing unless the prosecution proves by a preponderance of the evidence and

based on the totality of the circumstances that the statement or admission was made voluntarily. In assessing the totality of the circumstances, the court shall consider all evidence presented concerning the juvenile's vulnerability to any deception used during the custodial interrogation.

The bill requires law enforcement officials to electronically record all juvenile custodial interrogations.

The bill directs the P.O.S.T. board to develop a live, virtual, interactive training program for peace officers on the enforcement of laws related to custodial interrogation of juveniles to ensure uniform interpretation of the law. The state shall cover any local law enforcement agency costs associated with the training.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-203, **add** (8) as follows:

19-2.5-203. Statements - definitions. (8) (a) A STATEMENT OR ADMISSION BY A JUVENILE MADE AS A RESULT OF THE JUVENILE'S CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL OR AGENT IS PRESUMPTIVELY INADMISSIBLE AGAINST THE JUVENILE AT ANY SUBSEQUENT JUDICIAL PROCEEDING IF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL OR AGENT KNOWINGLY USED DECEPTION PRIOR TO OR DURING THE CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION, UNLESS THE PROSECUTION ESTABLISHES AT AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING PRIOR TO TRIAL, BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE AND BASED ON THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT THE STATEMENT OR ADMISSION WAS MADE VOLUNTARILY DESPITE THE DECEPTION. IN ASSESSING THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE PRESENTED CONCERNING THE JUVENILE'S VULNERABILITY TO ANY DECEPTION USED DURING THE CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION.

(b) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL OR AGENT SHALL ELECTRONICALLY RECORD ALL JUVENILE CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS

PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-3-601 WITHOUT REGARD TO THE NATURE OF THE OFFENSE THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL OR AGENT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS BEING INVESTIGATED.

(c) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (8):

(I) "AGENT" MEANS A PERSON WHO SPEAKS DURING A CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION OF THE JUVENILE.

(II) "DECEPTION" MEANS TO KNOWINGLY COMMUNICATE ONE OR MORE FALSE FACTS OR BELIEFS TO A JUVENILE WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION. A FALSE FACT OR BELIEF MAY INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO STATEMENTS REGARDING EVIDENCE OR UNAUTHORIZED STATEMENTS REGARDING POTENTIAL LENIENCY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL, PROSECUTOR, JUDGE, JUROR, OR ANY OTHER JUVENILE OFFICER.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-303, **add** (1)(u) as follows:

24-31-303. Duties - powers of the P.O.S.T. board - definition.

(1) The P.O.S.T. board has the following duties:

(u) TO DEVELOP A LIVE VIRTUAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PEACE OFFICERS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 19-2.5-203 (8) TO ENSURE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW. THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE THIS TRAINING ON AT LEAST TEN DIFFERENT DATES PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 28, 2024. THE STATE SHALL COVER ANY REASONABLE DIRECT COSTS TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRAINING. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-31-310 (3), THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(u). THE TRAINING MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, EDUCATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS ON:

(I) UNDERSTANDING JUVENILE DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE AND

THEIR IMPACT ON INTERVIEWS OF JUVENILES AND CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS OF JUVENILES;

(II) INTERPRETING JUVENILE BEHAVIOR DURING AN INTERVIEW OR CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION;

(III) TECHNIQUES FOR BUILDING AND ESTABLISHING RAPPORT WITH JUVENILES;

(IV) CONSTRUCTING AGE-APPROPRIATE STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEWS OF JUVENILES AND CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS OF JUVENILES; AND

(V) CAUTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR INTERVIEWING AND INTERROGATING JUVENILES IN CUSTODY, INCLUDING HOW TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF FALSE OR COERCED CONFESSIONS.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROHIBIT DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF A COUNTY.

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Under existing law, a board of county commissioners (board) may designate unincorporated areas of a county where it is unlawful to discharge firearms, except the board may not prohibit discharge of firearms in shooting galleries, on private grounds, or in residences under circumstances that do not endanger persons or property. A designated

area must have an average population density of 100 persons or more per square mile.

The bill repeals the exception for private property, repeals the minimum population density requirement, and instead requires that the designated area have 30 dwellings or more per square mile. A board is not allowed to prohibit discharge of a firearm in a designated area by a peace officer, in an indoor shooting gallery located in a private residence, or at a shooting range.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 30-15-302 as follows:

30-15-302. Board of county commissioners to designate area - definition. (1) The board of county commissioners of any county in this state may designate, by resolution, areas in the unincorporated territory of ~~such~~ THE county ~~in which~~ WHERE it is unlawful for any person to discharge any firearms. ~~except a duly authorized law enforcement officer acting in the line of duty, but nothing in this subsection (1) shall prevent the discharge of any firearm in shooting galleries or in any private grounds or residence under circumstances when such firearm can be discharged in such a manner as not to endanger persons or property and also in such a manner as to prevent the projectile from any such firearm from traversing any grounds or space outside the limits of such shooting gallery, grounds, or residence~~ AN AREA DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST HAVE THIRTY DWELLINGS OR MORE PER SQUARE MILE.

(1.5) A RESOLUTION ENACTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT PROHIBIT DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM IN A DESIGNATED AREA:

(a) BY A PEACE OFFICER ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE OFFICER'S AUTHORITY AND IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE OFFICER'S DUTIES;

(b) IN AN INDOOR SHOOTING GALLERY LOCATED ENTIRELY WITHIN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE; OR

(c) IN THE NORMAL OPERATION OR USE OF A QUALIFYING SPORT SHOOTING RANGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25-12-109, THAT HOLDS ANY LICENSE OR PERMIT REQUIRED BY STATE, FEDERAL, OR LOCAL LAW.

(2) ~~No area shall be so designated under authority of subsection (1) of this section unless it has an average population density of not less than one hundred persons per square mile in the area designated, and, before making any such designation~~ BEFORE DESIGNATING AN AREA AS AN AREA IN WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DISCHARGE ANY FIREARMS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, the board of county commissioners shall hold a public hearing thereon at which any interested person ~~shall~~ MUST have an opportunity to be heard. The provisions of article 3 of title 33 ~~C.R.S.,~~ concerning the state's liability for damages done to property by wild animals protected by the game laws of the state ~~shall~~ DO not apply to any area designated by a board of county commissioners under authority of this part 3.

(3) Nothing in this section ~~shall be construed~~ PERMITS A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS to restrict or otherwise affect any person's constitutional right to ~~bear arms or his right to the~~ OWN OR POSSESS ARMS OR TO USE ARMS IN defense of ~~his person, his family, or his property~~ SELF, FAMILY, OR PROPERTY.

(4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "DWELLING" MEANS A STRUCTURE THAT IS USED, INTENDED TO BE USED, OR USUALLY USED BY A PERSON FOR HABITATION, WHETHER OR NOT THE STRUCTURE IS ATTACHED TO REAL PROPERTY. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, EACH INDIVIDUAL UNIT THAT PROVIDES COMPLETE

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SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

February 16th, 2023

Location: GCSO

Attend:

Minutes:

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Old Business:

We are 100% at the new office working out the bugs (like heat and 220 outlets), but everything is moving along.

Body Cams: Discussion on Axon as the overall standard BWC for SPEAR. Basically so that the recordings (digital evidence) will all be kept in one location rather than 2 or 3.

UPDATE:
Oz with be getting with us to train us up

New Business:

Travis with GSPD has come back to the team.

Wes Stokes will be assigned as our point of contact with the DA's Office. This should definitely help with the flow of our case work. He has already been doing a really good job of communication!

We met with Silt PD to show off the website and the direction the team is running.

Tony will be off for a while on FMLA with a new baby girl.

We have closed our PO Box and have opened a relay at the annex for what little mail we get.

Micro Solutions contract should be done at the end of this month, we are using GCSO IT for assistance. We will start using our parent agency email address going forward.

LT and I worked through the 2024 budget request from HIDTA, looks good

Brent (all of us) would like to know about swag, shirts, hats, coins etc

Masks and Redaction

Case updates:

Just an FYI, we have started tracking a DTO in the Parachute/Battlement area. To date we can tie approx. 22 people into it. We have made a few arrests already for a number of violations. We will be putting up a pole cam possible by the end of the week. The feeling I get is that we hit the dopers in the Rifle area hard last year and it has displaced them to some degree.

UPDATE: We put the pole cam up and it has paid off.

21-064 : On 02/07/23 Investigators contacted a vehicle outside of Glenwood Springs involved in an ongoing investigation of 103 Cardinal Way, Parachute, CO. John McConn was contacted and arrested for a $50,000.00 Garfield County nationwide felony warrant for failure to appear on distribution of narcotics. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and over a 1000 fentanyl pills were located along with 99 grams of methamphetamine.

21-042: On 01/27/23 SPEAR Investigators contacted a stolen vehicle at MM 94 on I-70. The driver was arrested and found to be in possession of narcotics. The passenger was released without charges.

21-041: On January 25, 2023 at approximately 0710 hours, Detective Foreman with the Rifle Police Department located a stolen vehicle located at 415 W. 26th St. Rifle, CO. This vehicle was associated to a GCSO case involving two unknown parties and a burglary where one of the males was observed walking around with an AR style rifle. A number of search warrants were obtained and ultimately Chris Brown was arrested on numerous outstanding arrest warrants along with Rebecca Raifsnyder. Through interviews Brown admitted he was the person in the video of the burg hold the rifle. We recovered 3 firearms along with 2 stolen vehicles and approx. 1 oz of meth.

21-037: On January 19th, Rifle Officers obtained a search warrant for the Hill property south of Silt to recover a stolen vehicle. SPEAR along with additional investigators accompanied RPD. Long story short, we were able to make contact at the property with numerous people and intimately arrest 6, mostly with outstanding AW's. We recovered a total of 3 stolen vehicles and 3 stolen motorcycles, 4 firearms and approx. 1 lb of meth.

Prosecution:

Partner Agencies:

Next Meeting: March 16, 2023 GSPD

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Subject: Meeting Adjustments

All,

We will not be having our regularly scheduled meeting in November (11/20). Instead, we will meet on December 18th at the SPEAR Office at Noon and do our annual luncheon with the team as part of that meeting.

We will pick up the regular every-other month schedule beginning January 15, 2026.

Please let Mike or me know if you have any items for the agenda.

Thanks!

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All,

I may have confused you with the records request. It was intended to be a discussion item and not a production request.

We (Garfield County) received this ridiculous request and we are responding regarding an estimate of the cost associated with Research and Redaction with respect to the records GCSO can provide. We cannot provide any records pertaining to your agencies so she will have to request those via state or federal records request procedure.

Basically, SPEAR is not a division of the GCSO. We are one member of a multi jurisdictional task force.

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FYI, press release for the past 6 months!

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Chris,
In case you have any interest in attending, here is the agenda. We do not attend this anymore since we left the team. In this case it might be good for you to understand how these meetings go and what is discussed. You can choose not to attend this one, just wanted to make it avail. to you

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Attached is the agenda for next week's meeting on 5/15 at noon, SPEAR Office.

Hope to see you there!

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Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 11:48 AM
To: Lou Vallario; Ali Richards; Ben Sollars; Bill Kimminau; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; damcwhirter@fbi.gov; Daniel Porter; Debra Funston; Jared Rapp; John Hassell; Joseph Deras; Josh Craine; Kirk Wilson; Mike Kite; Mike Tyler; Ryan Molinari; Sam Stewart; Troy Eliason
Subject: RE: Agenda

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Shall see y'all there.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 11:11 AM
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Cc: Lou Vallario
Subject: Chief's Meeting

Chiefs,

Chief Wilson requested that we have a county Chief's meeting to catch up and check in. Working on the brink of reality/fantasy in Carbondale, he would like to visit with all of us!!!

Since most of you attend our SPEAR meetings and since the next SPEAR meeting is Thursday 3/20, I propose that we have a Chief's meeting immediately following that, starting at 1:30- 2ish. We can continue to use the SPEAR conference room, so no change in venue.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 11:16 AM
To: Colt Cornelius; Josh Osborne; Josh Craine; Kim Vallario; Ali Richards; Ben Sollars; Bill Kimminau; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; damcwhirter@fbi.gov; Daniel Porter; Debra Funston; Jared Rapp; Jeremy Wilson; John Hassell; Joseph Deras; Kirk Wilson; Lou Vallario; Mike Kite; Mike Tyler; Ryan Molinari; Sam Stewart; Troy Eliason
Cc: Lou Vallario
Subject: Immigration Bill
Attachments: immigration bill draft.pdf

Attached is a draft of a Senate bill being proposed, and co-sponsored by our Rep Velasco, regarding additional "anti-ICE" restrictions being put on us.

Pay close attention to pages 11-13 that deal with task forces, page 32 that prohibits cooperation with ICE (including a $50,000 fine) and page 33 that prohibits ICE from entering the secure portion of a jail which translates into transferring a detainee to be done in a public area. I believe they also want to reduce the 6 hour window we have to release someone to a 4 hour window so criminals can get a head start on ICE. I think we played this game when we were children…..?

Notwithstanding the ridiculous ideology of harboring criminals, this creates a serious public safety issue. We should always participate (or at least have knowledge of) any outside LE operation so that our communities know it's a legit operation by way of our marked units, uniforms, etc. Also, if a criminal were to flee, we know the community and neighborhoods better than another agency. Finally, without participation, we could have deconfliction and blue on blue incidents.

Regarding the task force requirements to report EVERY operation in an annual report, that's just stupid, time consuming and is solely for the purpose of them combing thru reports and finding any op that assisted ICE.

Finally, by not allowing ICE in the jail and transferring a detainee in public is dangerous. Should this occur in the lobby of the SO where people are waiting with their children to obtain a report or have their fingerprints taken?..... Or, should we push them out the back door into the parking lot and wait for the chase???

I have never refused to enforce a law, but I will not comply with this, if this draft is the end result. You can call me "Defendant" in a lawsuit to correct this pro-criminal stupidity.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 2:32 PM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Sheriff All
Subject: GCSO Position on ICE Operations
Attachments: GCSO Position on ICE.pdf

Attached is my position paper regarding how the GCSO interfaces with ICE. We are all getting a lot of questions now that enforcement is taking place again! Feel free to provide anyone with this document if you wish.

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Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 8:20 AM
To: Anthony Mazzola; Ben Sollars; Brian Olson; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; ed@town.meeker.co.us; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; jared.rapp@state.co.us; John Hassell; Joseph Deras; Kim Ferber; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Matt Gronbeck; Michael Buglione; mkite@townofsilt.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; TiRynn Hamblin
Subject: FW: *Officer Safety*
Attachments: Updated Bolo Merlin.pdf

FYI, this guy definitely qualifies as a potential threat.

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From: Laura Horsey <lhorsey@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 4:13 PM
To: Adam Ford <aford@garcosheriff.com>; Amy Roggie <aroggie@garcosheriff.com>; Andy Haffele <ahaffele@garcosheriff.com>; Bailey Gilliam <bgilliam@garcosheriff.com>; Ben Herbert <bherbert@garcosheriff.com>; Billy Sauer <wsauer@garcosheriff.com>; Brent Baker <BBaker@garcosheriff.com>; Brett Burrows <bburrows@garcosheriff.com>; Brian Sutton <bsutton@garcosheriff.com>; Carter Hailey <chailey@garcosheriff.com>; Cathy Dalla <cdalla@garcosheriff.com>; Chad Whiting <cwhiting@garcosheriff.com>; Chasity Gonzales <cgonzales@garcosheriff.com>; Chris Bornholdt <cbornholdt@garcosheriff.com>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; David Mulkey <dmulkey@garcosheriff.com>; Derek Fruetel <dfruetel@garcosheriff.com>; Devan Salazar <dsalazar@garcosheriff.com>; Don Breier <DBreier@garcosheriff.com>; Edgar Lara <elara@garcosheriff.com>; Ellie Fazzi <efazzi@garcosheriff.com>; Eric Vargas <evargas@garcosheriff.com>; Gabrielle Herrera <gherrera@garcosheriff.com>; Haley Herbert <hherbert@garcosheriff.com>; Harley Narramore <hnarramore@garcosheriff.com>; James Miller <jmiller@garcosheriff.com>; James Roe <jroe@garcosheriff.com>; Jared Tetzlaff <jtetzlaff@garcosheriff.com>; Jason Alstatt <JAlstatt@garcosheriff.com>; Jesse Burris <jwburris@garcosheriff.com>; Jim Schuckers <JSchuckers@garcosheriff.com>; Joe Caputo <jcaputo@garcosheriff.com>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>; Joshua Wilson <jwilson@garcosheriff.com>; Kalob Foreman <kforeman@garcosheriff.com>; Kevin Osborne <kosborne@garcosheriff.com>; Kiyvon Nye <knye@garcosheriff.com>; Laura Horsey <lhorsey@garcosheriff.com>; Lester Gherardini <lgherardini@garcosheriff.com>; Levy Burris <lburris@garcosheriff.com>; Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>; Maira Contreras <mcontreras@garcosheriff.com>; Matthew Graham <mgraham@garcosheriff.com>; Matthew Jenness <mjenness@garcosheriff.com>; Max Bowen <mbowen@garcosheriff.com>; Micah Payton <mpayton@garcosheriff.com>; Misael Vasquez <mvasquez@garcosheriff.com>; Nate LaGiglia <nlagiglia@garcosheriff.com>; Orrin Dimmick <odimmick@garcosheriff.com>; Owen Snyder <osnyder@garcosheriff.com>; Shannon Stowe <sstowe@garcosheriff.com>; Stacie West <swest@garcosheriff.com>; Thomas Hartman <thartman@garcosheriff.com>; Tim Rhodes <trhodes@garcosheriff.com>; Tom O'Leary; Walter Stowe <wstowe@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: *Officer Safety*

Officer Safety

Hello all,

See attached…. Thank you

Respectfully,

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 1:39 PM
To: Ali Richards; Ben Sollars; Bill Kimminau; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; damcwhirter@fbi.gov; Daniel Porter; Debra Funston; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Jeremy Wilson; John Hassell; Joseph Deras; Josh Craine; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; mkite@townofsilt.org; Mike Tyler; Ryan Molinari; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; Troy Eliason
Subject: Agenda
Attachments: SPEAR Board Meeting agenda Jan 2025.pdf

All,

The next SPEAR meeting is this Thursday (1/16/25), Noon at the SPEAR office.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 1:50 PM
To: Anthony Mazzola; Brian Olson; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; ed@town.meeker.co.us; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Jeff Cheney; John Hassell; Joseph Deras; Kim Ferber; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Matt Gronbeck; Michael Buglione; mkite@townofsilt.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; TiRynn Hamblin
Subject: FW: FYI: Attacks on LE
Attachments: (LES) APD (NM) Intel Bulletin 24-30 - Tren De Aragua (TDA) Green Light On LEO.pdf

Fyi…..Venezuelan gangs.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 7:19 PM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com
Cc: Josh Osborne; Colt Cornelius; Josh Craine; Walter Stowe; Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Jeff Cheney; Leif Sackett
Subject: Re: AHRT Request

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All done. In custody!

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 7:31 PM
To: Josh Osborne
Cc: Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Jeff Cheney; Joseph Deras; Leif Sackett; Joseph Deras
Subject: Re: AHRT Assistance request

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Great job!

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> On Dec 6, 2023, at 7:09 PM, Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com> wrote:
>
> Update: The suspect has been taken into custody after an extended barricade. There were no injuries and the team is clear.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> > On Dec 6, 2023, at 9:44 AM, Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com> wrote:
> >
> > Good morning all,
> >
> > Rifle PD has requested for AHRT to assist with a search warrant execution for a residence located within Rifle city limits. This is in reference to the incident last night which has now resulted in Rifle PD having numerous DV charges as well as a felony charge for a convicted felon in possession of firearms. The Sheriff has approved the team request barring any concerns from the rest of the board. If the search and arrest warrant are approved in a timely manner, we will be looking to execute the search warrant later this afternoon.
> >
> > Thanks
> >
> > Joshua Osborne
> > Tactical Team Commander
> > Garfield County Sheriff's Office
> > 107 8th Street

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 7:38 AM
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Cc: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Leif Sackett
Subject: Re: SPEAR Op canceled

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AHRT is clear from the scene there were no issues with securing the residence. The scene is turned over to spear

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> > **Date:** September 12, 2023 at 5:36:10 PM MDT
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> > **Cc:** Lou Vallario <lvallario@garcosheriff.com>, Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>
> > **Subject: Re: SPEAR Op canceled**

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Oz

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 9:05 PM
To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Leif Sackett
Subject: Fwd: SPEAR Op canceled

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Gotta love the worthless judicial system.....

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 7:37 AM
To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Leif Sackett
Subject: Fwd: AHRT Search Warrant Request FW: 33 Silverton Pl SW, Christopher Van Valkenberg

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I gave the thumbs up, pending any concerns from the Board….

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> **Cc:** Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>
> **Subject: Re: AHRT Search Warrant Request FW: 33 Silverton Pl SW, Christopher Van Valkenberg**
>
> Let's move forward. I'll contact the board.
>
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Thanks
Oz

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Cc: Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>
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Ok. So far, so good….

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On Sep 7, 2023, at 2:50 PM, Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com> wrote:

Sire please see the below email from Sergeant Baker. I spoke with Brent today and SPEAR is requesting for AHRT to assist with the search warrant of the residence when it is approved by the judge. I think it is an appropriate use of the team concerning the suspects background. If the judge approves the after-hours execution, we would plan on a knock and announce/surround and callout execution during the early morning hours. Please let me know if you are good with using the team for this operation and I will keep you posted on the search warrant and timetable on when we would plan to execute it.

Thanks

From: Brent Baker <BBaker@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
Cc: Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; Kurt Conrad <KConrad@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: 33 Silverton Pl SW, Christopher Van Valkenberg

Oz per your request,

We currently have a search warrant drafted for 33 Silverton Pl in Parachute. The suspect is Christopher Van Valkenberg DOB 04-09-1979.

We have conducted two controlled purchases with him. The first for methamphetamine and a rifle. The second was for fentanyl.

One of our CI's has confirmed that he has at least two handguns in the house, one of which we have confirmed as stolen.

Chris Van Valkenberg has an extensive criminal history including;

Felony Assault in Texas
1st and 2nd degree burglary
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree assault
Possession of a weapon by previous offender
Multiple drug charges
Felony theft
Most recently a 2nd degree assault strangulation that occurred 12-24-22.

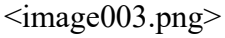
The assistant US attorney has agreed to take the case federally.

33 Silverton Pl is 154 yards from Bea Underwood Elementary so we have requested for 24 hour warrant service to avoid executing when kids may be around. He did recently gain custody of his 3 year old daughter so we expect her in the house. We do not expect any dogs. The house is frequented by multiple felons and our recent cartel arrest of Manuela Zapata was staying there before we sent her to federal prison.

We are waiting for the CI to let us know when he re-ups his supply which should be soon, and then we are planning on executing the search warrant.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Leif Sackett
Cc: Gary Tillotson; stephensc@garco911.com; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Josh Osborne
Subject: Re: Meeting

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Shit happens! I won't be at the Com board meeting, so we'll look into August for a better date.

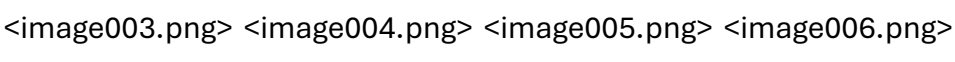
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> On Jul 11, 2023, at 3:53 PM, Leif Sackett <Leif.Sackett@crfr.us> wrote:
>
> Hey Lou,
>
> I am in the same boat. I help family in eastern Colorado harvest wheat every year and was gambling that we would be done by the 20th. Turns out mother nature doesn't care that we usually start on the 4th of July and instead are starting two weeks later than usual, and I won't be back until maybe the 30th. Sorry for any inconvenience.
>
> Thank you,
>
> <image001.gif>



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From: Gary Tillotson <gary.tillotson@cogs.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 3:46 PM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com; stephensc@garco911.com; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>; Leif Sackett <Leif.Sackett@Crfr.us>
Subject: RE: Meeting

Hi Lou and all,

It turns out that I will not be able to meet on the 20th due to other obligations. I don't expect that you all should reschedule because of me but would suggest that I could be available the following week after com board.

Apologies,

Gary Tillotson

Fire Chief

Glenwood Springs Fire Department

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023 6:53 PM
To: Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Leif Sackett
Subject: Fwd: AHRT operation request.

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FYI,

I approved, pending any dissent.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** May 18, 2023 at 2:31:18 PM AST
> **To:** Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>, Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>, Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
> **Cc:** Kurt Conrad <kconrad@garcosheriff.com>, Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>
> **Subject: AHRT operation request.**
>
> Good afternoon Sheriff,
>
> SPEAR is requesting assistance from AHRT with a search warrant execution for a trailer located in the county, 246 Green Lane.
>
> Last night Sergeant Gherardini stopped a car leaving the trailer and seized some fentanyl pills and a gun. SPEAR has been working the residence for a while and it sounds like they have plenty of intel on dope trafficking.
>
> This residence has been a problem for a number of years and AHRT has already executed 2-3 search warrants in the past. The last time our team hit the trailer there were approximately 18 parties in the trailer that were truly the who's who of dope use/trafficking in the county.
>
> I'm still waiting on further info concerning criminal histories however currently we are checking the boxes with violent charges, firearm possession contacts/charges, and parties

that are known to be confrontational with LE.

With Mike and Brent out of town, Jared is currently the point of contact that I have been speaking to. If the search warrant is approved the team is requesting to execute the search warrant early Saturday morning pending your approval of AHRT use.

I will be out of town this weekend but Chris Dietrich is available to fill in as team commander.

Thanks
Oz

Sent from my iPhone

Ryan M. Muse

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 10:37 AM
To: Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; Gary Tillotson; Joseph Deras; Josh Osborne; Leif Sackett
Subject: Response Request

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Board,

Silt PD has requested AHRT to assist them with the execution of several arrest warrants and a search warrant.

The original case was a Felony Menacing with a gun, but SPEAR became involved due to the number of bad guys, felonies, weapons, etc.

I authorized the mission, pending any dissent. It is scheduled for Thursday morning at zero-dark-thirty.

Thanks.

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Sheriff Lou Vallario
Garfield County, Colorado

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: July 15, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM

Title: SPEAR, Making a Difference in Garfield County

IMPORTANT: Please direct any media requests to the contact above. Do not contact the Garfield County Emergency Communications Center or Patrol staff for media requests.

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO. –
Special Problem Enforcement And Response (SPEAR) had a successful month fighting crime in Garfield County. The Task Force Officers responded to fifty-six separate incidences in June. They recovered one stolen car, seized two guns and made four arrests. Thirteen new cases were begun and thirteen grams of Meth were taken off the streets.

During the first six months of 2025, SPEAR responded to 416 incidences and took on 62 new cases. They have made forty-six arrests, seized six guns and recovered one stolen vehicle.

The amount of illegal drugs confiscated during these operations has had a tremendous impact on our County and neighboring counties.

SPEAR has seized 4217 Fentanyl pills, three grams of fentanyl powder, 1655 grams of Meth, 3820 grams of cocaine, 4 grams of Heroin, 29,695 grams of marijuana, 525 grams of Psilocybin mushrooms and a handful of illegally possessed prescription pills.

SPEAR will continue its mission against crime during the remaining six months of 2025 and beyond.

Their impact on criminal activity in Garfield County as well as the quantity of illegal drugs that they have kept off the streets make them a true asset to Garfield County and the residents who live and work here.

SPEAR is a multi-jurisdictional task force based out of the Garfield County; comprised of local and federal law enforcement agencies. Anyone with information on criminal activity is encouraged to reach out to SPEAR through your local law enforcement agency or Dispatch at 970 625-8095.

All subjects are "presumed innocent" until proven guilty.
Any questions please contact SPEAR Board Chairman, Sheriff Lou Vallario at (970) 945-0453.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

The mission of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office is to provide solutions for the people through professional, ethical and compassionate conduct.

# # #

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February 7, 2025

Sanctuary Policies and the Sheriff of Garfield County

Because of the change in the White House, immigration concerns have come to the forefront in our country. While there will continue be a lot of movement and changes, I want to clarify my role in immigration matters as the Garfield County Sheriff.

In March of 2024, the Garfield County BOCC addressed sanctuary policies by declaring that Garfield County is not a sanctuary county. This was partially intended to address a national organization that wrongfully lists on their website Garfield County, and specifically the Sheriff's Office, as sanctuary organizations. Their concern with me as the Sheriff was that because we do not (cannot) hold illegal migrants for ICE, we are therefore a sanctuary organization. Cooperation with ICE is the catalyst for this and I want to make it clear that I work with ALL law enforcement agencies, from local to international, to the degree I legally can.

I say "legally" because the Colorado Legislature has enacted several laws limiting my ability to work with ICE. Further, several federal lawsuits across the country have decided that with no 'criminal' charges (ICE holds are almost always 'administrative/civil' matters), people cannot be held in jail against their will. There is clearly an argument to be made that crossing our borders illegally is a crime, but it is a federal crime and the Department of Homeland Security is the agency to manage that.

So, what authority do I have as a Sheriff to enforce federal laws? None. I do not, nor do any Colorado state and local law enforcement officers have federal immigration authority. We are limited to enforcing state and local crimes. My authority as a Law Enforcement Officer comes from the State of Colorado, not the federal government.

Colorado law requires that when an inmate is no longer being held on criminal charges by completing their sentence, bonding out, or being released by the courts on a Personal Recognizance Bond, I must release them within six hours. Their administrative status under federal law is not a consideration. However, local ICE agents review our public jail website that shows the status of everyone in jail. If ICE has an interest in detaining one, or more of them because of the seriousness of their crimes, they notify the jail and ask that we let them know when that person of interest is going to be released, and we do. It is up to ICE to provide the resources to pick them up after they are released. Regardless, I cannot unnecessarily delay anyone's release and must comply with the six hour rule. On the other hand, if their status is criminal and is accompanied with a warrant signed by a federal Magistrate or Judge, they can be detained. This applies to all of the three letter federal agencies.

The other concern that is being questioned is the law that prohibits a CIVIL arrest in the area of a Courthouse. It can be found in the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) under 13-1-403/404. It is a generic application to all Law Enforcement agencies, although it is clearly directed towards ICE.

Basically, it prohibits a civil arrest (administrative or civil infraction) from being enforced while the subject is in, or around a courthouse for a court proceeding. This is incredibly confusing because I have no idea how to arrest someone for a civil violation! The example might be where you are charged with a traffic "infraction". That violation is NOT a criminal violation, but a civil matter. You cannot be thrown in jail for an infraction. The remedies are managed in other ways such as license suspension, etc.

In the case of this specific Courthouse law, since it is not a criminal offense, Law Enforcement has no authority to take any action. If an Officer or Agent does violate this, they can be sued, the courts can order a Contempt violation, etc, but they cannot be charged with a criminal offense. Ironically, if an Agent were to violate this statute and I arrested them "civilly", I would also be violating the statute by civilly arresting someone in the Courthouse!

Finally, and let me be clear, I will support ANY other law enforcement agency when requested, as an 'agency assist' for the best interest of public safety. There are no laws preventing me from supporting another law enforcement agency and I will always do so when asked.

The concerns of illegal immigration and sanctuary practices are not going away. However, I wanted to make it clear what my role as the Garfield County Sheriff is in this complex issue.

Lou Vallario
Garfield County Sheriff

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HOUSE BILL

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Gonzales J.,

BILL TOPIC: Proper Governmental Conduct to Protect Residents
DEADLINES: File by: 2/21/2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING MEASURES TO ENSURE PROPER GOVERNMENTAL CONDUCT TO PROTECT COLORADO RESIDENTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROHIBITING A COURT OFFICIAL FROM DISCLOSING OR THREATENING TO DISCLOSE A PERSON'S INFORMATION TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS; REPEALING AFFIDAVIT REQUIREMENTS REGARDING A PERSON'S LAWFUL PRESENCE; REQUIRING A JAIL CUSTODIAN TO RELEASE A DEFENDANT SOONER IF BOND CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED; EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR A REMEDY FOR AN IMPROPERLY ENTERED GUILTY PLEA; REQUIRING A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT PARTICIPATES IN A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE TO REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE;

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EXPANDING MEASURES TO PROTECT PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION KEPT BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; PROTECTING FACILITIES OR PROPERTY OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, AND HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES; EXPANDING MEASURES THAT LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICIALS WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT; AND RESTRICTING GOVERNMENTAL IMMIGRATION DETENTION AGREEMENTS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill prohibits a court, an attorney, an eligible law student intern, or a licensed legal professional from notifying or threatening to notify federal immigration authorities about a person or providing or threatening to provide to federal immigration authorities personal identifying information about a person. A violation of the prohibition is grounds for a report to the respective regulatory authority.

Under current law, a person who does not have lawful immigration status must submit an affidavit stating that they have either applied for lawful presence or will apply for lawful presence as soon as they are eligible when the person is applying for:

- In-state student tuition classification; or
- An identification document pursuant to the "Colorado Road and Community Safety Act".

The bill repeals these affidavit requirements.

Under current law, a jail custodian is generally required to release a defendant within 6 hours after the defendant has been granted a personal recognizance bond or is prepared to post bond. The bill prohibits the jail custodian from delaying a defendant's release for the purpose of an immigration enforcement operation.

Under current law, a criminal defendant may petition a court to vacate a guilty plea to a class 1 or class 2 misdemeanor or a municipal offense if the criminal defendant alleges that:

- They were not adequately advised by defense counsel of adverse immigration consequences of a guilty plea;

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- They did not knowingly, intelligently, or voluntarily waive the right to counsel when the criminal defendant was not advised that the right to counsel includes the right to be advised regarding immigration consequences of a guilty plea; or
- The guilty plea was constitutionally infirm.

The bill extends the ability to petition a court to vacate a guilty plea to class 3 misdemeanors, traffic misdemeanors, and petty offenses.

The bill requires a law enforcement agency that participates in a multijurisdictional or coordinated investigation or task force to submit an annual report to the division of criminal justice in the department of public safety (division) concerning the investigation or task force. The division is required to submit an annual report to the judiciary committees of the house of representatives and the senate concerning this information.

Under current law, state agencies and state agencies' employees are:

- Required to comply with provisions that limit the disclosure, collection, and access to a person's personal identifying information;
- Required to annually report certain information concerning requests made for a person's personal identifying information; and
- Subject to a civil penalty for an intentional violation of the requirements.

The bill:

- Extends these requirements concerning a person's personal identifying information to political subdivisions and their employees;
- States that if any federal law, including the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974", commonly known as "FERPA", is repealed or amended to require the disclosure of education records or any personal identifying information about a student or their relative, then public schools and public institutions of higher education are required to comply with certain requirements concerning a person's personal identifying information; and
- Creates a civil action that makes a political subdivision employee who intentionally violates a requirement concerning a person's personal identifying information liable to the injured party and exempts the civil action from statutory or qualified immunity.

The bill creates minimum requirements for child care centers, public schools, local education providers, public institutions of higher education, or health-care facilities concerning access to their facilities or

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property and creates a civil penalty for an intentional violation of the requirements. An employee who intentionally violates a requirement is subject to a civil action, and the civil action is exempt from statutory or qualified immunity.

Under current law, a peace officer who is employed by the Colorado state patrol, a municipal police department, a town marshal's office, or a county sheriff's office is prohibited from arresting or detaining an individual on the basis of a civil immigration detainer request. The bill:

- Extends the prohibition to a peace officer designated by the state as a peace officer; and
- Applies the prohibition to a civil immigration detainer rather than a civil immigration detainer request.

Under current law, a probation officer or probation department employee is prohibited from providing personal information about an individual to federal immigration authorities. The bill extends this prohibition to a pretrial officer or pretrial services office employee.

The bill prohibits a peace officer from participating in, cooperating with, assisting in, or facilitating a federal, multijurisdictional, or coordinated immigration enforcement operation unless required by a federal order.

The bill prohibits a peace officer or employee or agent of a detention facility from allowing federal immigration authorities access to a part of the detention facility that is not accessible to the public, unless required by a federal warrant or writ to transfer an inmate to or from federal custody.

Under current law, certain governmental entities are limited in contracting concerning immigration detention agreements, which are contracts for payment to a governmental entity to detain an individual for federal civil immigration purposes. The bill removes the condition that the contract is for payment.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. The general assembly finds and declares that:

(1) The fourth amendment of the United States constitution guarantees individuals the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures, and requires that any warrant must be supported by probable cause. Additionally, section 7 or article II of the Colorado constitution

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addresses the security of persons and their property.

(2) The fifth amendment of the United States constitution guarantees due process of law, ensuring that individuals must not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without fair and proper legal proceedings. Additionally, section 25 of article II of the Colorado constitution also guarantees the right to due process.

(3) The tenth amendment of the United States constitution affirms the principle of federalism, which reserves for the states or the people the powers that are not delegated to the federal government by the United States constitution.

(4) Federal immigration enforcement must respect the constitutional rights of all individuals within the United States, regardless of their immigration status, as established through constitutional principles and case law.

(5) Cooperative arrangements between federal immigration agencies and state and local governments must not infringe upon the constitutional rights of individuals or utilize state and local resources for federal immigration enforcement.

(6) Therefore, the intent of this legislation is to ensure that federal immigration enforcement activities are conducted in full compliance with the fourth, fifth, sixth, and fourteenth amendments of the United States constitution and sections 6, 7, and 25 of article II of the Colorado constitution, to ensure the autonomy of Colorado and its local governments in accordance with the tenth amendment of the United States constitution, for the purpose of determining the extent of our participation in federal immigration enforcement.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-1-114, **add** (1.5)

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as follows:

13-1-114. Powers of court. (1.5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION OR ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A COURT SHALL NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, NOTIFY OR THREATEN TO NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT A PERSON OR PROVIDE OR THREATEN TO PROVIDE TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-102, ABOUT A PERSON.

(b) A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION IS GROUNDS FOR A REQUEST FOR EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5.3 OF THIS TITLE 13.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-93-116 as follows:

13-93-116. Notification or threatening notification of federal enforcement officials prohibited. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, AN ATTORNEY SHALL NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, NOTIFY OR THREATEN TO NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT A PERSON OR PROVIDE OR THREATEN TO PROVIDE TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-102, ABOUT A PERSON.

(2) A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS GROUNDS FOR FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY REGULATION COUNSEL.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-93-207 as follows:

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SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-93-315 as follows:

13-93-315. Notification or threatening notification of federal enforcement officials prohibited. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A LICENSED LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SHALL NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON, NOTIFY OR THREATEN TO NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT A PERSON OR PROVIDE OR THREATEN TO PROVIDE TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-102, ABOUT A PERSON.

(2) A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS GROUNDS FOR FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY REGULATION COUNSEL.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-7-110, **amend** (2) and (4) as follows:

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23-7-110. Tuition classification of students who successfully complete high school or a high school equivalency examination in Colorado. (2) ~~(a) In addition to satisfying the requirements set forth in subsection (1) of this section, a student seeking tuition classification as an in-state student pursuant to this section who does not have lawful immigration status must submit an affidavit to the institution to which the student is admitted, stating that the student has applied for lawful presence or will apply as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.~~

~~(b) The institution shall not count a student described in subsection (2)(a) of this section as a resident for any purpose other than tuition classification and the purpose described in subsection (2.5) of this section; except that the student~~ A STUDENT SEEKING TUITION CLASSIFICATION AS AN IN-STATE STUDENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION WHO DOES NOT HAVE LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS is eligible for the college opportunity fund program pursuant to the provisions of part 2 of article 18 of this title 23 and state student financial assistance pursuant to article 3.3 of this title 23, upon confirmation of the student's uniquely identifying student number provided by the local education provider where the student graduated from high school or successfully completed a high school equivalency examination, as defined in section 22-33-102 (8.5), and may be eligible for institutional or other private financial aid programs.

(4) Any information provided to satisfy the criteria specified in this section ~~shall be~~ IS confidential unless disclosure is explicitly required by law. ~~An institution that receives an affidavit described in subsection (2) of this section shall treat the affidavit as an education record of the student under the provisions of the federal "Family Educational Rights~~

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~~and Privacy Act of 1974", 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g.~~

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-505, **repeal** (1)(d) as follows:

42-2-505. Identification documents - individuals not lawfully present - rules. (1) **Documents issued.** An individual who is not lawfully present in the United States may apply for an identification document in accordance with this part 5. The department shall issue an identification document to an applicant who:

(d) ~~Affirms in an affidavit signed by the applicant that the applicant has applied to be lawfully present within the United States or will apply to be lawfully present as soon as the applicant is eligible; and~~

SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-4-102, **add** (2)(e.5) as follows:

16-4-102. Right to bail - before conviction - definition. (2) __ (e.5) (I) THE CUSTODIAN OF A JAIL SHALL NOT DELAY A DEFENDANT'S RELEASE FROM CUSTODY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION.

(II) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e.5), "IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-76.6-101.

SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1-410.6, **amend** (2), (3)(a)(I), (3)(a)(II), and (4) introductory portion; and **add** (3)(a)(III) as follows:

18-1-410.6. Relief from improperly entered guilty pleas for certain misdemeanor and municipal offenses - legislative declaration. (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that noncitizen defendants must have the opportunity to meaningfully challenge an

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unconstitutionally entered guilty plea for certain class 1 misdemeanors, class 2 misdemeanors, CLASS 3 MISDEMEANORS, TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS, PETTY OFFENSES, and municipal offenses.

(3) (a) Notwithstanding a limitation contained in section 16-5-402, a municipal ordinance, or a municipal court rule of procedure, at any time following the entry of a guilty plea, a criminal defendant may challenge the guilty plea on the grounds set forth in subsection (4) of this section to a:

(I) Class 1, ~~or~~ class 2, OR CLASS 3 misdemeanor that is not defined in section 24-4.1-302 (1); ~~or title 42 and committed before March 1, 2022; or~~

(II) Municipal offense that is not substantially similar to an offense defined in section 24-4.1-302 (1); ~~or title 42 and committed before March 1, 2022;~~

(III) A TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR; OR

(IV) A PETTY OFFENSE.

(4) A defendant moving to vacate a guilty plea to a class 1, ~~or~~ class 2, OR CLASS 3 misdemeanor; A TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR; A PETTY OFFENSE; or a municipal offense, must, in good faith, allege the following:

SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-903, **amend** (1), (3), and (5); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

24-31-903. Division of criminal justice report. (1) ~~Beginning July 1, 2023, the~~ THE division of criminal justice in the department of public safety shall create an annual report including all of the information that is reported to the division pursuant to subsection (2) AND (2.5) of this section, aggregated and ~~broken down~~ DISAGGREGATED by the law

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enforcement agency that employs peace officers, along with the underlying data.

(2.5) (a) ON OR BEFORE JULY 15, 2025, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT PARTICIPATES IN A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE, OR THAT DEDICATES PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE, SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THE REPORT MUST CONTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING EACH MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE REPORT SUBMISSION:

(I) THE PURPOSE OF THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO;

(II) EACH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT PARTICIPATED IN, OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO, THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO;

(III) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AS A RESULT OF THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO; AND

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(IV) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE DETAINED FOR IMMIGRATION PURPOSES OR CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS FOR OFFENSES RELATED TO AN INDIVIDUAL'S IMMIGRATION STATUS AS A RESULT OF THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN OR DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO.

(b) (I) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, CONCERNING THE INFORMATION RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

(c) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.5), UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 16-2.5-402.

(3) The Colorado state patrol and local law enforcement agencies PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.5) OF THIS SECTION, shall not report the name, address, social security number, or other unique personal identifying information of the subject of the use of force, victim of the official misconduct, eyewitness or subject in a showup, or persons contacted, searched, or subjected to a property seizure. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the data reported pursuant to this

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section is available to the public pursuant to subsection (4) of this section.

(5) (a) The Colorado state patrol, ~~and any~~ A local law enforcement agency, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY that fails to meet its reporting requirements pursuant to this section is:

~~(a)~~ (I) Subject to the suspension of its funding by its appropriating authority; and

~~(b)~~ (II) Unless the Colorado state patrol, ~~or~~ local law enforcement agency, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY is working with the division of criminal justice to meet its reporting requirements pursuant to this section, not eligible to be awarded grants under the multidisciplinary crime prevention grant program in section 24-33.5-527, the law enforcement workforce recruitment, retention, and tuition grant program in section 24-33.5-528, or the state's mission for assistance in recruiting and training (SMART) policing grant program in section 24-33.5-529.

(b) IN ADDITION TO PENALTIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INTENTIONALLY FAILS TO DISCLOSE A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PARTICIPATED IN, OR A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR COORDINATED INVESTIGATION OR TASK FORCE THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DEDICATED PEACE OFFICERS OR RESOURCES TO, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION.

SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-101, **amend** (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), and (1)(e) as follows:

24-74-101. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

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(a) State agencies AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS increasingly collect residents' personal information to be able to provide a variety of services, including education, health care, financial assistance, and regulatory and enforcement activities designed to ensure the safety of Colorado residents;

(b) Colorado residents have a reasonable expectation that state agencies AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS will not disclose this information with outside actors for unintended purposes;

(d) All Coloradans should feel welcome to ~~be the recipients of state~~ RECEIVE STATE AND LOCAL services without fear of abuse of their privacy or data;

(e) Any role that a state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION plays in enforcing federal immigration laws can undermine public trust and deter persons from accessing these services offered by state agencies AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS;

SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-102, **amend** (3), (4), and (5); and **add** (1.5), (1.6), and (1.8) as follows:

24-74-102. Definitions. As used in this article 74, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1.5) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A GOVERNING SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, INCLUDING A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR SPECIAL DISTRICT; A BOARD, COMMISSION, INSTITUTION, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; OR AN ENTITY THAT CONTRACTS WITH A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR A BOARD, COMMISSION, INSTITUTION, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

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(1.6) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE" MEANS A PERSON IN THE SERVICE OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHILE ACTING IN THE PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY. "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED AND WHETHER FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARY. "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE" ALSO INCLUDES AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHEN ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

(1.8) "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102, LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE, OR AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(3) "State agency" means ~~a department of the executive branch of state government, including any division, office, agency, or other unit created within a department or the governor's office, including institutions of higher education and the Colorado commission on higher education~~ A DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ANY DIVISION, OFFICE, AGENCY, OR OTHER UNIT CREATED WITHIN A DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE; A BOARD, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, BUREAU, INSTITUTION, OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE; A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; OR THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

(4) "State agency employee" means ~~every person in the service of a state agency, including all officers and employees whether full-time, part-time, or temporary, and whether classified in or exempt from the state personnel system. "State agency employee" also includes all~~

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~~independent contractors of a state agency, when acting in their capacity as independent contractors for the state agency~~ A PERSON IN THE SERVICE OF A STATE AGENCY WHILE ACTING IN THE PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY. "STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE; WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED; FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARY; AND CLASSIFIED IN OR EXEMPT FROM THE STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM. "STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE" ALSO INCLUDES AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A STATE AGENCY WHEN ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A STATE AGENCY.

(5) "Third party" means ~~any~~ A person or entity, including ~~any~~ A law enforcement officer or agency, that is not a state agency, a state agency employee, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE, or otherwise part of the state government OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-74-103 as follows:

24-74-103. Personal identifying information shared by state agencies or political subdivisions - limitation - responsibilities - state agency or political subdivision employee. A state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE shall not disclose or make accessible, including through a database or automated network, personal identifying information that is not publicly available information, ~~for the purpose of investigating for, participating in, cooperating with, or assisting in federal immigration enforcement, including enforcement of civil immigration laws and 8 U.S.C. sec. 1325 or 1326~~ except as required by federal or state law or as required to comply with a court-issued subpoena, warrant, or

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order.

SECTION 14. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-104, **amend** (1), (2) introductory portion, and (3) as follows:

24-74-104. Reduce personal identifying information collected by governmental entities. (1) ~~Beginning January 1, 2022,~~ A state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE shall not inquire into, or request information or documents to ascertain, a person's immigration status, ~~for the purpose of identifying if the person has complied with federal immigration laws, including civil immigration laws and 8 U.S.C. sec. 1325 or 1326~~ except as required by state or federal law or as necessary to perform state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION duties, or to verify a person's eligibility for a government-funded program for housing or economic development if verification is a necessary condition of the government funding.

(2) ~~Beginning January 1, 2022,~~ A state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION shall not collect the following, except as required by state or federal law or as necessary to perform state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION duties, or to verify a person's eligibility for a government-funded program for housing or economic development if verification is a necessary condition of the government funding:

(3) (a) This section does not apply to INFORMATION IN a database or automated network collecting data or documents that was activated by a state agency on or before December 31, 2021.

(b) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO INFORMATION IN A DATABASE OR AUTOMATED NETWORK COLLECTING DATA OR DOCUMENTS THAT WAS ACTIVATED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025.

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SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-105, **amend** (2) as follows:

24-74-105. Access to state agency or political subdivision records - limitations. (2) The attorney general's office shall create a model certification form and ~~provide it to state agencies within sixty days of June 25, 2021~~ MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO STATE AGENCIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

SECTION 16. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-74-106, **amend** (1) introductory portion, (1)(a), (2) introductory portion, (2)(d), and (4) as follows:

24-74-106. Record-keeping and reporting - requests for records or information - definition - repeal. (1) ~~For purposes of~~ AS USED IN this section, "request" includes any time a third party, other than a person in interest as defined in section 24-72-202 (4), communicates, whether through written or electronic form, with a state agency, ~~or~~ state agency employee, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE for the purpose of obtaining records or information that includes personal identifying information. "Request" does not include:

(a) A request made ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO the "Colorado Open Records Act", part 2 of article 72 of this title 24, or ~~the "Colorado Criminal Justice Records Act", parts 2 and~~ PART 3 of article 72 of this title 24; except that, for purposes of this section, "request" does include a request made ~~under the~~ PURSUANT TO "Colorado Open Records Act", part 2 of article 72 of this title 24, whether made by telephone or through written or electronic form, if the requester indicates or a state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION employee determines the request is made for the purpose of investigating for, participating in, cooperating with, or

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assisting in federal immigration enforcement, including enforcement of civil immigration laws and 8 U.S.C. sec. 1325 or 1326;

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, ~~beginning January 1, 2022,~~ if a third party makes a request for a record from a state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION and the record contains personal identifying information, the state agency OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION shall retain a written record containing the following information:

(d) The name and title of the state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE who granted or denied the request;

(4) (a) (I) Beginning January 1, 2022, and on a quarterly basis thereafter THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, each state agency shall:

~~(a)~~ (A) Submit to the governor's office of legal counsel the information specified in subsection (2) of this section; and

~~(b)~~ (B) Attest that ~~no request was~~ NONE OF THE REQUESTS WERE granted for any purpose prohibited by this article 74.

(II) THIS SUBSECTION (4)(a) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

(b) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ON A QUARTERLY BASIS THEREAFTER, EACH STATE AGENCY AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL:

(I) SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) ATTEST THAT NONE OF THE REQUESTS WERE GRANTED FOR ANY PURPOSE PROHIBITED BY THIS ARTICLE 74.

SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-74-107 as follows:

24-74-107. Data privacy breaches - civil penalty - civil action. (1) (a) ~~Any~~ A state agency employee OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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EMPLOYEE who ~~intentionally~~ KNOWINGLY violates ~~the provisions~~ A PROVISION of this article 74 is subject to an injunction and is liable for a civil penalty of not more than fifty thousand dollars for each violation.

(b) ANY CIVIL PENALTY MONEY COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT IT TO THE IMMIGRATION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-3.8-101.

(2) A STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE WHO INTENTIONALLY VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 74 IS LIABLE TO THE INJURED PARTY FOR LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RELIEF OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF.

(3) (a) STATUTORY IMMUNITY AND STATUTORY IMMUNITY ON LIABILITY, DAMAGES, OR ATTORNEY FEES DO NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE "COLORADO GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT", ARTICLE 10 OF THIS TITLE 24, DOES NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(b) QUALIFIED IMMUNITY IS NOT A DEFENSE TO LIABILITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(4) IN ANY ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A COURT SHALL AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS TO A PREVAILING PLAINTIFF. IN ACTIONS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, A COURT SHALL DEEM A PLAINTIFF TO HAVE PREVAILED IF THE PLAINTIFF'S SUIT WAS A SUBSTANTIAL FACTOR OR SIGNIFICANT CATALYST IN OBTAINING THE RESULTS SOUGHT BY THE LITIGATION. WHEN A JUDGMENT IS ENTERED IN FAVOR OF A DEFENDANT, THE COURT MAY AWARD REASONABLE COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES TO THE DEFENDANT FOR DEFENDING ANY CLAIMS THE COURT FINDS FRIVOLOUS.

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(5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL INDEMNIFY ITS EMPLOYEES FOR A LIABILITY INCURRED BY THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE AND FOR A JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT ENTERED AGAINST THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE FOR CLAIMS ARISING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DETERMINES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS THAT THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE DID NOT ACT UPON A GOOD FAITH AND REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THE ACTION WAS LAWFUL, THEN THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT, OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS LESS, AND SHALL NOT BE INDEMNIFIED BY THE STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR EITHER THE FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, IF THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE'S OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE'S PORTION OF THE JUDGMENT IS UNCOLLECTIBLE FROM THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE, THE STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR INSURANCE SHALL SATISFY THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT. A STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DOES NOT HAVE TO INDEMNIFY A STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE IF THE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEE WAS CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR THE CONDUCT FROM WHICH THE CLAIM ARISES UNLESS THE

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STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WAS A CAUSAL FACTOR IN THE OFFENSE THROUGH ITS ACTION OR INACTION.

(6) A CIVIL ACTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE FILED WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUES.

SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-74-107.5 as follows:

24-74-107.5. Education records. (14) IF ANY FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL "FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. 1232G, OR ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, IS REPEALED OR AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF EDUCATION RECORDS OR ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT A STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF THE STUDENT, TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, THEN SECTIONS 24-74-103 AND 24-74-104 OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-2-402; THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AS DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-80-102; OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22.

SECTION 19. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 74.1 to title 24 as follows:

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Protection of Safe Spaces

24-74.1-101. Definitions. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) "CHILD CARE CENTER" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 26-5-503 AND THAT IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 26.5.

(2) "EMPLOYEE" MEANS A PERSON IN THE SERVICE OF A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY WHILE ACTING IN THE PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY. "EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED AND WHETHER FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARY. "EMPLOYEE" ALSO INCLUDES AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHEN ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS AN AGENT OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OF A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY.

(3) "FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS EXECUTING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS IN THE SERVICE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR ANY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, BUREAU, DIVISION, OFFICE, OR UNIT THEREOF, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, OR THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES.

(4) "HEALTH-CARE FACILITY" MEANS A HEALTH FACILITY THAT IS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-103 OR ARTICLE 3

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OF TITLE 25.

(5) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22, A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22, OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22 THAT OPERATES ONE OR MORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(6) "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102; LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE; OR AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(7) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-2-402; THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AS DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-80-102; OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22.

24-74.1-102. Limitation on access to safe spaces - policy. (1) A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HEALTH-CARE FACILITY, OR AN EMPLOYEE THEREOF, SHALL NOT PROVIDE TO A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY:

(a) ANY INFORMATION ABOUT A CHILD OR STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED IN THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL

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EDUCATION PROVIDER, OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A PATIENT WHO SOUGHT, RECEIVED, IS SEEKING, OR IS RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY;

(b) ANY INFORMATION ABOUT A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF A PERSON DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(c) ACCESS TO A PART OF THE CHILD CARE CENTER'S, PUBLIC SCHOOL'S, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S, HEALTH-CARE FACILITY'S FACILITY, AUXILIARY FACILITY, PROPERTY, GROUNDS, OR SURROUNDING AREA THAT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES HAVE A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE OR AN ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE TO ALLOW ACCESS.

(2) (a) NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF HOUSE BILL 25-___, EACH CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND HEALTH-CARE FACILITY SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY THAT ALIGNS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE 74.1. THE POLICY MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

(I) PROCEDURES TO MAINTAIN THE PROTECTION OF INFORMATION AND SPACES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION;

(II) PROCEDURES TO PROPERLY SECURE THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, AND PROCEDURES TO RELEASE INFORMATION THAT IS OTHERWISE PROTECTED IF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HAVE A SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR AN ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE

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TO ALLOW ACCESS;

(III) A COMPREHENSIVE OUTLINE OF EMPLOYEE DUTIES, IN EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND LANGUAGE, INCLUDING PARAMETERS CONCERNING EMPLOYEES' AUTHORITY TO INTERACT WITH OR ASSIST A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR ACCESS, AND INFORMATION CONCERNING TO WHOM AN EMPLOYEE MUST REFER AN FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR ASSISTANCE CONCERNING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR ACCESS;

(IV) INFORMATION THAT MUST BE REQUESTED OF AND DOCUMENTED REGARDING THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY WHO IS REQUESTING INFORMATION OR ACCESS, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, EMPLOYER, BADGE NUMBER, AND THE SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE TO ALLOW ACCESS;

(V) THE MANNER IN WHICH A CHILD, STUDENT, PATIENT, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE THEREOF, MAY ACCESS THE CHILD CARE CENTER'S, PUBLIC SCHOOL'S, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S, HEALTH-CARE FACILITY'S FACILITY, AUXILIARY FACILITY, PROPERTY, GROUNDS, OR SURROUNDING AREA; AND

(VI) THE MANNER IN WHICH INFORMATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED WITH A CHILD, STUDENT, PATIENT, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE THEREOF, CONCERNING A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR ACCESS IN RELATION TO CHILD, STUDENT, PATIENT, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR

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RELATIVE THEREOF.

(b) A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY THAT ADOPTS A POLICY PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL POST ITS POLICY ON ITS WEBSITE.

24-74.1-103. Remedy. (1) (a) A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 74.1 IS SUBJECT TO AN INJUNCTION AND IS LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION.

(b) ANY CIVIL PENALTY COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT IT TO THE IMMIGRATION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-3.8-101.

(2) AN EMPLOYEE WHO INTENTIONALLY VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 74.1 IS LIABLE TO THE INJURED PARTY FOR LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RELIEF OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF.

(3) (a) STATUTORY IMMUNITY AND STATUTORY IMMUNITY ON LIABILITY, DAMAGES, OR ATTORNEY FEES DO NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE "COLORADO GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT", ARTICLE 10 OF THIS TITLE 24, DOES NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(b) QUALIFIED IMMUNITY IS NOT A DEFENSE TO LIABILITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(4) IN AN ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A COURT SHALL AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS TO A PREVAILING

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PLAINTIFF. IN ACTIONS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, A COURT SHALL DEEM A PLAINTIFF TO HAVE PREVAILED IF THE PLAINTIFF'S SUIT WAS A SUBSTANTIAL FACTOR OR SIGNIFICANT CATALYST IN OBTAINING THE RESULTS SOUGHT BY THE LITIGATION. WHEN A JUDGMENT IS ENTERED IN FAVOR OF A DEFENDANT, THE COURT MAY AWARD REASONABLE COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES TO THE DEFENDANT FOR DEFENDING CLAIMS THE COURT FINDS FRIVOLOUS.

(5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY SHALL INDEMNIFY ITS EMPLOYEES FOR A LIABILITY INCURRED BY THE EMPLOYEE AND FOR A JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT ENTERED AGAINST THE EMPLOYEE FOR CLAIMS ARISING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY DETERMINES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS THAT THE EMPLOYEE DID NOT ACT UPON A GOOD FAITH AND REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THE ACTION WAS LAWFUL, THEN THE EMPLOYEE IS PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT, OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS LESS, AND SHALL NOT BE INDEMNIFIED BY THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY FOR EITHER THE FIVE PERCENT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT OR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER THE EMPLOYEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, IF THE EMPLOYEE'S PORTION OF THE JUDGMENT IS UNCOLLECTIBLE FROM THE EMPLOYEE, THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC

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SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY OR INSURANCE SHALL SATISFY THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT. A CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY DOES NOT HAVE TO INDEMNIFY AN EMPLOYEE IF THE EMPLOYEE WAS CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR THE CONDUCT FROM WHICH THE CLAIM ARISES UNLESS THE CHILD CARE CENTER, PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY WAS A CAUSAL FACTOR IN THE OFFENSE THROUGH ITS ACTION OR INACTION.

(6) A CIVIL ACTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE FILED WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUES.

SECTION 20. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-101, **amend** (1)(i)(XXII), (1)(i)(XXIII), and (1)(m); and **add** (1)(i)(XXIV) and (1)(i)(XXV) as follows:

24-31-101. Powers and duties of attorney general. (1) The attorney general:

(i) May independently initiate and bring civil and criminal actions to enforce state laws, including actions brought pursuant to:

(XXII) Part 14 of article 12 of title 38; ~~and~~

(XXIII) Section 24-34-806;

(XXIV) SECTION 24-74-107; AND

(XXV) SECTION 24-74.1-103.

(m) Upon request of ~~any~~ AN employee in the state personnel system, shall represent ~~such~~ THE employee in ~~any~~ A civil action or administrative proceeding instituted against ~~such~~ THE employee, either in

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the employee's official or individual capacity if the action or proceeding arises out of performance of the employee's official duties as determined by the attorney general and if the action or proceeding has not been brought by the state personnel director or the appointing authority of the employee seeking dismissal or other disciplinary action; except that the attorney general shall not represent ~~any such~~ THE employee in an action brought ~~under section 24-50.5-105~~ PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-50.5-105, 24-74-107, OR 24-74.1-103;

SECTION 21. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.6-101, **amend** (1) and (3); and **add** (1.5), (2.3), and (2.7) as follows:

24-76.6-101. Definitions. As used in this article 76.6, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Civil immigration detainer" means a ~~written~~ request issued by federal immigration enforcement authorities ~~pursuant to 8 CFR 287.7~~ to law enforcement officers TO ARREST OR DETAIN AN INDIVIDUAL OR to maintain custody of an individual beyond the time when the individual is eligible for release from custody, including ~~any~~ A request for law enforcement agency action, warrant for arrest of alien, order to detain or release alien, or warrant of ~~removal/deportation~~ REMOVAL OR DEPORTATION on ~~any~~ A form promulgated by federal immigration enforcement authorities.

(1.5) "DETENTION FACILITY" MEANS A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-1-102; PRIVATE CONTRACT PRISON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-1-102; LOCAL JAIL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-1-102; MULTIJURISDICTIONAL JAIL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17-26.5-101; OR MUNICIPAL JAIL, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 31-15-401 (1)(j).

(2.3) "GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET

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FORTH IN SECTION 24-76.7-101.

(2.7) "IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION" MEANS AN OPERATION IN WHICH THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS THE IDENTIFICATION OR APPREHENSION OF A PERSON OR PERSONS TO:

(a) SUBJECT THEM TO CIVIL IMMIGRATION DETENTION, REMOVAL, OR DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS, OR REMOVAL OR DEPORTATION FROM THE UNITED STATES; OR

(b) CRIMINALLY PROSECUTE THEM FOR OFFENSES RELATED TO THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THE OFFENSES MAY INCLUDE VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1253, 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1304 (e), 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1306 (a) or 1306 (b), 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1325, 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1326, 18 U.S.C. SEC. 1028A, OR 18 U.S.C. 1546.

(3) "Law enforcement officer" means a peace officer ~~employed by the Colorado state patrol, a municipal police department, a town marshal's office, or a county sheriff's office~~ DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 2.5 OF TITLE 16, WHILE ACTING IN THE PEACE OFFICER'S EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY, WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED OR WHETHER EMPLOYED FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR TEMPORARILY.

SECTION 22. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.6-102, **amend** (1)(b), (2), and (5); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

24-76.6-102. Civil immigration detainers - legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(b) Requests ~~for civil immigration detainers~~ TO ARREST OR DETAIN FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT are not warrants under Colorado law. A warrant is a written order by a judge directed to a law enforcement officer commanding the arrest of the person named, as defined in section 16-1-104 (18). None of the ~~civil immigration detainer~~ requests received

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from the federal immigration authorities are reviewed, approved, or signed by a judge as required by Colorado law. The continued detention of an inmate at the request of federal immigration authorities beyond when ~~he or she~~ THE INMATE would otherwise be released constitutes a warrantless arrest, which is unconstitutional, *People v. Burns*, 615 P.2d 686, 688 (Colo. 1980).

(2) A law enforcement officer shall not arrest or detain an individual, OR DENY OR DELAY AN INDIVIDUAL'S RELEASE FROM CUSTODY on the basis of a civil immigration detainer. ~~request.~~

(2.5) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL NOT COMMAND OR REQUEST A PRIVATE CITIZEN TO ASSIST IN THE ARREST OR DETAINMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE BASIS OF A CIVIL IMMIGRATION DETAINER.

(5) (a) EXCEPT AS PROHIBITED IN SECTION 24-76.6-104, nothing in this section precludes ~~any~~ A law enforcement officer from investigating or enforcing ~~any~~ A STATE OR LOCAL criminal law. ~~or from participating in coordinated law enforcement actions with federal law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of local, state, or federal criminal laws.~~

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, COOPERATE WITH, ASSIST IN, OR FACILITATE A FEDERAL, MULTIJURISDICTIONAL, OR COORDINATED IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY A SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR AN ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE.

SECTION 23. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.6-103, **amend** (1) as follows:

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24-76.6-103. Limitations on providing personal information by probation offices. (1) A probation officer, ~~or~~ probation department employee, PRETRIAL OFFICER, OR PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICE EMPLOYEE shall not provide personal information about an individual to federal immigration authorities.

SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-76.6-104 as follows:

24-76.6-104. Limitations on multijurisdictional or coordinated actions. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-76.6-102 (5), A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, COOPERATE WITH, ASSIST IN, OR FACILITATE A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL, COORDINATED ACTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY A SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE, OR ORDER ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE.

SECTION 25. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-76.6-105 as follows:

24-76.6-105. Limitation on access in detention facilities. A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OR ANY EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A DETENTION FACILITY, SHALL NOT ALLOW FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ACCESS TO A PART OF THE DETENTION FACILITY THAT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, UNLESS THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HAVE A WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE TO ALLOW ACCESS, OR IF THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HAVE A WRIT ISSUED BY A JUDGE CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF AN INMATE TO OR FROM FEDERAL CUSTODY.

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SECTION 26. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.7-101, **amend** (2) as follows:

24-76.7-101. Definitions. As used in this article 76.7, unless the context otherwise requires:

(2) "Immigration detention agreement" means ~~any~~ A contract, including, but not limited to, an intergovernmental service agreement, ~~or portion thereof for payment to~~ WITH a governmental entity to detain individuals for federal civil immigration purposes. For a contract or intergovernmental service agreement that is only in part for the detention of individuals for federal immigration officials, this term only applies to the civil immigration detention portion of the contract.

SECTION 27. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-3.8-101, **amend** (2) as follows:

8-3.8-101. Immigration legal assistance - fund - report - definitions. (2) (a) There is established in the state treasury the immigration legal defense fund. The money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the administrator. Pursuant to subsection (5)(b) of this section, the administrator is authorized to make grants from the fund to qualifying organizations to represent indigent individuals appearing before an immigration court in Colorado who lack private counsel.

(b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ANY CIVIL PENALTY MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-74-107 OR 24-74.1-103 AND INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF THE CIVIL PENALTY MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE FUND.

SECTION 28. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-123, **add** (14) as follows:

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22-1-123. Protection of student data - parental or legal guardian consent for surveys. (14) IF ANY FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL "FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. 1232G, OR ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, IS REPEALED OR AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF EDUCATION RECORDS OR ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT A STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF THE STUDENT, TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, THEN SECTIONS 24-74-103 AND 24-74-104 APPLY TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT; SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-2-402; THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AS DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-80-102; OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22.

SECTION 29. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-117, **amend** (1)(b)(XI) and (1)(b)(XII); and **add** (1)(b)(XIII) as follows:

22-2-117. Additional power - state board - waiver of requirements - rules. (1) (b) The state board shall not waive any of the requirements specified in any of the following statutory provisions:

(XI) Any provision of section 22-1-145 relating to the use of a student's chosen name, as defined in section 22-1-145 (1), in a public school; ~~or~~

(XII) The wearing of cultural or religious objects at school

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graduation ceremonies pursuant to section 22-1-142.5; OR

(XIII) SECTION 22-1-123 AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74.1 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION SAFE SPACES, AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS APPLICABLE.

SECTION 30. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-104, **amend** (6)(c) introductory portion, (6)(c)(X), and (6)(c)(XI); and **add** (6)(c)(XII) as follows:

22-30.5-104. Charter school - requirements - authority - rules - definitions. (6) (c) A school district, on behalf of a charter school, may apply to the state board for a waiver of a state statute or state rule that is not an automatic waiver. Notwithstanding ~~any provision of~~ this subsection (6), ~~to the contrary,~~ the state board ~~may~~ SHALL not waive ~~any~~ A statute or rule relating to:

(X) Any provision of section 22-1-145 relating to the use of a student's chosen name, as defined in section 22-1-145 (1), in a public school; ~~or~~

(XI) The wearing of cultural or religious objects at school graduation ceremonies pursuant to section 22-1-142.5; OR

(XII) SECTION 22-1-123 AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74.1 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION SAFE SPACES, AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS APPLICABLE.

SECTION 31. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-507, **amend** (7)(b)(X) and (7)(b)(XI); and **add** (7)(b)(XII) as follows:

22-30.5-507. Institute charter school - requirements - authority - rules - definitions. (7) (b) An institute charter school may

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apply to the state board, through the institute, for a waiver of state statutes and state rules that are not automatic waivers. The state board may waive state statutory requirements or rules promulgated by the state board; except that the state board ~~may~~ SHALL not waive any statute or rule relating to:

(X) Any provision of section 22-1-145 relating to the use of a student's chosen name, as defined in section 22-1-145 (1), in a public school; ~~or~~

(XI) The wearing of cultural or religious objects at school graduation ceremonies pursuant to section 22-1-142.5; OR

(XII) SECTION 22-1-123 AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74.1 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION SAFE SPACES, AND A PROVISION OF ARTICLE 74 OF TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, AS APPLICABLE.

SECTION 32. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-135.5, **amend** (1)(a)(II) and (1)(b)(II) as follows:

22-1-135.5. Nondisclosure agreements - protection of school district, board of cooperative services, and public school employees - definitions. (1) (a) No school district, board of cooperative services, public school, or any department, institution, or agency of a school district, board of cooperative services, or public school shall make it a condition of employment that an employee executes a contract or other form of agreement that prohibits, prevents, or otherwise restricts the employee from disclosing factual circumstances concerning the employee's employment with the school district, board of cooperative services, or public school or any of its departments, institutions, or agencies unless the prohibition or restriction in the contract or agreement

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is necessary to prevent disclosure of:

(II) Data; information, including personal identifying information, as defined in section 24-74-102; ~~(1);~~ or matters that are required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations, the state constitution, state law, state regulations, or state rules, or a court of law or as attorney-client privileged communications, as privileged work product, as communications related to a threatened or pending legal or administrative action, or as materials related to personnel or regulatory investigations by the employer;

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SECTION 33. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-1-144 as follows:

23-1-144. Protection of student data - definition. (1) IF ANY FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL "FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. 1232G, OR ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, IS REPEALED OR AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF

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EDUCATION RECORDS OR ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT A STUDENT WHO WAS OR IS ENROLLED, OR A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE OF THE STUDENT, TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, THEN SECTIONS 24-74-103 AND 24-74-104 APPLY TO A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102; LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE; OR AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

SECTION 34. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-50.5-105.5, **amend** (1)(a)(II) and (1)(b)(II) as follows:

24-50.5-105.5. Nondisclosure agreements - protection of state employees - definitions. (1) (a) Neither the state nor any department, institution, or agency of the state shall make it a condition of employment that an employee executes a contract or other form of agreement that prohibits, prevents, or otherwise restricts the employee from disclosing factual circumstances concerning the employee's employment with the state or any of its departments, institutions, or agencies unless the prohibition or restriction in the contract or agreement is necessary to prevent disclosure of:

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SECTION 35. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-1-1601, **amend** (1)(a)(II) and (1)(b)(II) as follows:

29-1-1601. Nondisclosure agreements - protection of local government employees - definitions. (1) (a) Neither a local government nor a department, institution, or agency of a local government shall make it a condition of employment that an employee executes a contract or other form of agreement that prohibits, prevents, or otherwise restricts the employee from disclosing factual circumstances concerning the employee's employment with the local government or any of its departments, institutions, or agencies unless the prohibition or restriction in the contract or agreement is necessary to prevent disclosure of:

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SECTION 36. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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Request for Records

Please complete form with as much known information as possible. Incomplete information may be insufficient for a successful retrieval of the requested incident or case report.
Retrieval, redaction and research fees may apply and must be paid before requested report will be released.

Date of Request September 11, 2025 GCSO Report # _____ Date of Incident_____

Nature of Incident_____ Location of Incident_____

Person(s) named in Report_____ DOB(s)_____

Requestor's Name(Print) Claire Noone DOB 09/23/1988 Relationship_____

Phone 970-309-4886 Fax 970-945-5570 E-mail noonecm@gmail.com

Documents Requested See Attached Booking photo [ ] Booking Sheet [ ]

Type of Response Requested [X] E-mail [ ] Fax [ ] Pick-up [ ] Mail

24-72-305.5 Access to records – denial by custodian – use of records to obtain information for solicitation. (1), Records of official actions and criminal justice records and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and other information in such records shall not be used by any person for the purpose of soliciting business for pecuniary gain. The official custodian shall deny any person access to records of official actions and criminal justice records unless such person signs a statement which affirms that such records shall not be used for the direct solicitation of business for pecuniary gain.
(2)(II)(b)… By signing the statement, the person is affirming that the booking photograph will not be placed in a publication or posted to a web site that requires the payment of a fee or other exchange for pecuniary gain in order to remove or delete the booking photograph from the publication or web site.

24-72-309 Violation – penalty. Any person who willfully and knowingly violates the provisions of this part 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

By signing this form I affirm that I have read and will comply with the above referenced Colorado Revised Statutes. If requesting a booking photo, I affirm that I will not place the booking photo in any publication or on a website that requires a fee or other exchange for pecuniary gain in order to remove or delete the booking photo from such publication or website.

Requestor's Signature Claire Noone Date 9/11/2025

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Denial of Inspection: ( ) Contrary to State Statute
( ) Contrary to Order
( ) Contrary to Public Interest
( ) _____
Request fulfilled ( )

Advised of report status: Date:_____ By: [ ] phone [ ] fax [ ] e-mail [ ] in person
[ ] voicemail

Released by: _____ Date:_____

Exhibit A:
DOCUMENTS REQUETED

I request for access to and copies of records related to the Garfield County Special Problem Enforcement and Response (SPEAR) Task Force, as referenced in the SPEAR Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated July 17, 2025.Specifically, I request the following records and documents, to the extent they exist and are not otherwise exempt from disclosure:

1. Policies and procedures for the SPEAR task force, and all member agencies that are required to comply with Colorado SB276, including instructions for handling requests for personal identifying information from federal authorities and access to non-public areas of their premises.
2. All records of arrests involving SPEAR from 2022 to present, all records of, detainers, and transfers of custody to ICE, ERO, or HSI from, including but not limited to arrest logs, detainer forms (I-247), release notifications, and any correspondence with federal immigration authorities.
3. All records, reports, meeting minutes, correspondence, assignment orders, or other documents reflecting or evidencing assistance provided by SPEAR and its participating member agencies] to federal agencies, including but not limited to the Drug Enforcement Administration and Homeland Security Investigations. This includes records of joint operations, requests for assistance, personnel assignments, and any reports or communications documenting such assistance.
4. All records of members of the taskforce, including the members of the Governing Board, the Chief Executive Officer, staff members, administrators, Board Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary, Financial Officer, Task Force Commander, Project Director and Prosecutor, Task Force Officers and analysts.
5. Policies and Procedures
    a. All current and prior versions of policies and procedures promulgated by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office and/or SPEAR governing the operation of the Task Force.
    b. Any documents reflecting compliance with U.S. Department of Justice Systems Operating Policies, 28 CFR Part 23.
6. Operational Guidelines Manual
    a. The current Operational Guidelines Manual and any prior versions
7. Intelligence System Documentation
    a. Copies of any intelligence files, bulletins, or related records maintained in accordance with the MOU and Colorado Record Retention Laws.
    b. Any policies or procedures regarding the dissemination of intelligence bulletins or information.
8. Intelligence System Software and Technology

    a. Records identifying the software, platforms, or databases used for the collection, storage, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence and information by the SPEAR Task Force.
    b. Contracts, purchase orders, or license agreements for any intelligence system software or related technology.
9. Data Storage and Management
    a. Policies, procedures, or manuals governing the storage, retention, and deletion of intelligence data, including compliance with Colorado Record Retention Laws and 28 CFR Part 23.
    b. Records describing the physical or cloud-based locations where intelligence data is stored.
    c. Any data security or access control policies applicable to the intelligence system.
10. Data Use and Sharing
    a. Policies or procedures regarding the use, sharing, or dissemination of intelligence data among participating agencies or with external entities, including federal agencies.
    b. Logs or records of data access, sharing, or dissemination events, if maintained.
11. Audits and Oversight
    a. Records of any audits, reviews, or assessments of the intelligence system, data storage, or data use practices.
    b. Reports or findings from any oversight body or internal review regarding the intelligence system.
12. Training and User Access
    a. Training materials or user manuals provided to Task Force personnel including those regarding the use of the intelligence system.
    b. Records identifying individuals or positions with authorized access to the intelligence system.
13. Meeting Records
    a. Minutes of all Governing Board meetings, including any written consents, voting records, or electronic voting documentation
14. Reports
    a. All statistical reports, arrest data, seizure data, and other reports, including those prepared for the Division of Criminal Justice or other oversight and funding entities, and those required by the MOU.
    b. Any standardized report formats approved by the Task Force Commander.
15. Personnel Records
    a. Resumes and application materials submitted for Task Force Officer selection, redacted as necessary to protect personal privacy.

    b. Disciplinary reports or written reports prepared by the Task Force Commander in connection with any suspension or removal proceedings.
16. Equipment and Property Records
    a. The current property inventory and any related records tracking equipment and property acquired for Task Force use.
17. Insurance Documentation
    a. Proof of general liability and police professional liability coverage maintained by each participating agency as required by the MOU.
18. Notices
    a. Copies of any written notices, including those issued pursuant to Section 10.6 of the MOU.
19. Modification and Execution Instruments
    a. Any written modifications or amendments to the MOU.
    b. Counterpart signature pages evidencing execution of the MOU by participating agencies.

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

May 15th, 2025

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

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New Business:

We have taken down the wire, more will be covered in Case Update.

Jared has promoted to Corporal and will be heading back to the SO. Jared will have been with SPEAR/TRIDENT for 9 years with the majority being a DEA TFO. With that being said, Matt will be stepping up to the DEA TFO spot and Nate will be taking over Matt's evidence custodian role. Mulkey will slide over to the now open UC position leaving the open SO vacancy in the simi-marked role. This should make whoever fills that spot an easier transition.

We had a mobile shedder come by the office on the 8th. We were able to shred roughly 15-20 years of old TRIDENT cases, as well as some intel files that should have been also shredded a couple years back.

When would the SO like to look at returning the lease vehicles that were leased through Utah? Matt's is currently at 1 ½ yrs and Jared's is closer to 1 yr.

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

We have started our paperwork for the 2026 RMHIDTA budget. **UPDATE:** It looks like SPEAR will continue to receive RMHIDTA funding, we have been given the thumbs up for roughly $51,000 to help and cover costs. **UPDATE:** Still looking good for funding

TFO's Mulkey, Lara and Lagiglia have been assisting GCSO covering shifts on the weekends due to shift shortage. **UPDATE:** The troops are still doing this but it has slowed down some as new Deputies come on board.

Look into assistance with $ or staffing to help with running the TF **UPDATE:** Silt PD has been able to help, thank you again!

US Marshals deputization and where it's at, *it's moving forward slowly but surely*. **UPDATE:** Still moving slowly.

Connecteam website is still being worked on. As of 5-2-25, we have the subscription for the year paid. So now we just have to start learning it so we can push it out to the troops on the street.

Case updates:

TF-24-659 WIRE CASE (numerous other cases were pulled that are/will be rolled into this one)

Title: Seven Arrested as Part of a Drug Trafficking Organization

IMPORTANT: Please direct any media requests to the contact above. Do not contact the Garfield County Emergency Communications Center or Patrol staff for media requests.

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO. –

Sindy Vazquez Martinez and Osbaldo Ramirez-Andrade operated a Drug Trafficking Organization that distributed methamphetamine and additional illegal drugs from Frisco to Rifle, CO. They routinely used their residence in Glenwood Springs, located 185 yards from the front door of the Glenwood Springs Middle School and approximately 60 yards from school property, as a base to distribute illegal drugs.

SPEAR and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) have conducted a long-term investigation, since January of 2023, into the Drug Trafficking Organization operated by Martinez and Ramirez-Andrade.

Through diligent police work and coordinated efforts of local and federal enforcement agencies; on the evening and early morning hours of April 27 & April 28, 2025: SPEAR, DEA, HSI (Homeland Security Investigations) and the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, arrested three individuals on outstanding felony warrants for drug related charges.

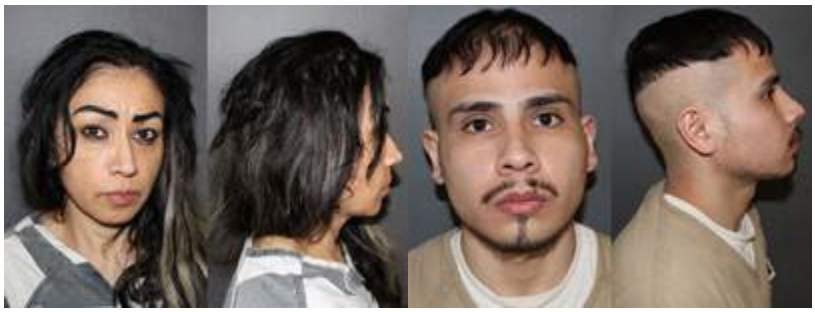
April 29, 2025, SPEAR arrested an additional individual for an outstanding felony warrant and on charges related to this investigation. That same day, SPEAR, DEA, HIS and ERO (Enforcement Removal Operations) conducted search warrants in Glenwood Springs and in Rifle related to this investigation.

This investigation has led to the seizure of the following illegal drugs:

- Approximately 4 pounds of Methamphetamine
- Approximately 3 ounces of Cocaine
- Approximately 9.5 pounds of Fentanyl Powder
- Approximately 220 Fentanyl Pills
- 1 Firearm

To date seven suspects have been arrested on charges tied to this long-term investigation:

1. Sindy Liliana Vazquez Martinez, DOB: 02/05/1981 (44 YO Female)
2. Osbaldo Ramirez Andrade, DOB: 04/13/2001 (24 YO Male)
3. Henry Trujillo Benites, DOB: 01/11/1983 (42 YO Male)
4. Julian Cruz Carrazco, DOB: 02/21/1997 (28 YO Male)
5. Jose Manuel Romo Gallegos, DOB: 05/02/1985 (39 YO Male)
6. Cordelia Suazo Reed, DOB: 06/18/1964 (60 YO Female)
7. Juan Alberto Guevara-Regalado, DOB: 09/04/1985 (39 YO Male)





Sindy Liliana Vazquez Martinez Osbaldo Ramirez Andrade Henry Trujillo Benites









Julian Cruz Carrazco Jose Manuel Romo Gallegos Cordelia Suazo Reed Juan Alberto Guevara-Regalado

The suspects have been charged with a number of criminal offenses including:

- Conspiracy to possess, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute controlled substances – more than 225 grams, Drug Felony 1
- Possession with intent to distribute more than 112 grams of methamphetamine – Drug Felony 1
- Unlawful distribution of more than 14 grams of methamphetamine – Drug Felony 2
- Unlawful distribution of more than 4 grams of Fentanyl – Drug Felony 2
- Unlawful possession of more than 4 grams of methamphetamine – Drug Felony 4
- Special Offender – Drug Felony 1
- Forgery – Felony 5
- Criminal possession of two or more blank financial transaction devices – Felony 5
- Criminal possession of a financial device, more than three & two different accounts – Felony 5

This continues to be an active and on-going investigation.

TF25-171
On March 12, 2025 TFO's responded to 138 N. 7th St. in the Town of New Castle for an active domestic. While in route, dispatch aired the suspect had fired multiple rounds at the victim and a neighbor from a long gun. Arriving on scene, neighbors took suspect to the ground where Silt PD, was able to apprehend him. TFO's cleared the residence and stayed and helped NCPD processing the scene.

TF25-200
On March 21, 2025 SPEAR TFOs conducted a traffic stop on a black GMC Yukon at the intersection of USHY 6 and County Rd 210 outside the City of Rifle. During he traffic stop a K9 free air sniff was conducted which led to probable cause search of the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle a plastic bag containing cocaine, and other drug distribution related paraphernalia were located. The driver, Rodrigo Serna Martinez (DOB: 07/03/1997), was arrested. During a search incident to arrest of Rodrigo's person, a second bag of cocaine was located in his boot. Rodrigo was transported to the Garfield County Jail.

TF25-249
On 4-16-25, SPEAR again assisted CSP with the on-going stolen vehicle case that ties to Utah. We conducted a high risk stop on 4 suspects as they arrived back into the Rifle area after they made another theft run the Utah. We assisted in recovering 2 stolen trucks, 2 stolen trailers and 3 side-by-sides.
The following four suspects were arrested and transported to the Garfield County Jail:

1. Luis Leiva Arizmendiz DOB 2/8/05 (20 YO Male)
2. Nerio Estrada Soto DOB 09/15/2005 (19 YO Male)
3. Roberto Soto Cruz DOB 12/3/1989 (35 YO Male)
4. Lorena Mendoza Soto DOB 8/22/1995 (29 YO Female)

In addition SPEAR continues to go after numerous arrest warrants and assist patrol on higher level calls.

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Round the Room:

Next Meeting: July 17th, 2025

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

Jan 16th, 2024

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

New Business:

Things are moving forward with Edgar pulling Chuck out of retirement. That would give us a K9 back on the team.

US Marshals deputization and where it's at, or not.

We are up on the WIRE!

The latest with lease vehicles from Utah

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

Press Releases and the latest

We have been looking to change our team's website due to it not being very user friendly. We had been looking at Workplace which has been working very well for the RPD, but recently learned Facebook was stopping the service. **UPDATE**: RPD had switched over to Connecteam which is a lot like Workplace. Angela Mills with RPD came over to the office and sat down with Laura and I to give us the nickel version on it. I believe it will be much more user friendly and will be better at pulling in other agencies for the big picture. I am communicating with a gentlemen from Connecteam on the cost of what we would need from the program.

The handling of the RMHIDTA funds/grants will be transferred by the years end. **UPDATE**: We are now going through the Sheriff's Office

Case updates:

TF-24-616

October of 2024 SPEAR TFO's arrested Michael Arnott (DOB: 10/21/1965) at the 9115 CORD 335 outside the town of New Castle, Colorado. Arnott had an active felony warrant for an assault with a deadly weapon out. Arnott was taken into custody and transported the Garfield County Jail.

TF-24-620

October of 2024, SPEAR TFO's stopped a vehicle on County Road 319, outside the City of Rifle, Garfield County, Colorado. Brittany Davis, the vehicles driver was on her way to pick up Anthony Eagle who was leaving the address 7671 County Road 319. Upon further investigation TFO's seized 2.75 grams of heroin, 4.34 grams of cocaine, 7.2 grams of methamphetamine, and 32.77 grams (Approx 348 pills) of fentanyl pills from a sock which was deposited into the vehicle by Eagle. Both parties were taken into custody and a search warrant for the address 7671 County Road 319 was subsequently obtained.

TF-24-628

Earlier this year, the Garfield County Sheriff's Office responded to a drug violation that occurred at 57 Black Sulphur Place, near the Town of Parachute. The violation involved a juvenile who was exposed to methamphetamine. The methamphetamine in the case was associated with Luis Adolfo Garcia, DOB: 08/07/82.

In October, SPEAR conducted a CI only controlled purchase of 28.30 grams TGW of methamphetamine from Garcia.

On 10/18/24 I authored a Pen Register/Trap-and-Trace search warrant for (970) 505-7707, a Verizon Wireless Device, associated with Garcia. The warrant was reviewed and signed by the Honorable Judge Roff. The Trap-and-Trace was initiated on 10/23/24.

TF-24-638

Julie Ulanowski and Mikole Ogden were taken into custody at 321 W. 24th Place in the City of Rifle. Ulanowski had an active warrant for failure to appear on drug charges and Ogden had an warrant for burglary.

TF-24-645

On October 18, 2024, SPEAR TFO's assisted DEA with the seizure of approximately 28,500 Hydrocodone pills in the Bair Ranch Rest area, near mile mark 129 on Interstate 70 in Garfield County from Robert Newman. Newman was the suspect in multiple ongoing DEA investigations for theft of pharmaceuticals from multiple states. After the seizure of the pills, TFO's were advised a Federal Complaint was pending. Several hours later and after medical clearance of Newman, TFO's were informed that the Federal Complaint would be signed the next day, and to release Newman. Newman was released.

TF-24-649

On October 22, 2024, SPEAR contacted Luis Rojo, DOB: 07/25/96 and Toni Morland, DOB: 12/17/97 near the Roadway Inn located at 718 Taughenbaugh Blvd. in the City of Rifle. Both Rojo and Morland were arrested for outstanding warrants. During the arrests, SPEAR seized 176 Fentanyl pills, 1.0 grams TGW of Fentanyl powder, 0.5 grams TGW of heroin and 1.4 grams TGW of methamphetamine.

TF-24-659

WIRE Case

TF-24-671

SPEAR responded to a disturbance at 195 W Carson Cr in Parachute involving Alejandra Torres and her family. Alejandra had a pistol pulled on her by Alexander Nevarez Alicea. Upon contacting Alexander we located a loaded .380 in his waistband with an additional 3 magazines. Alexander was arrested for menacing without further incident.

TF-24-676

SPEAR utilized a CI and purchased 31.48 grams TGW of suspected Methamphetamine and a Palmetto .22 cal pistol from Jose Romo Gallegos in the Rifle Walmart parking lot, this case is still open and ongoing.

TF-24-716

SPEAR conducted another search warrant at the trap house (321 W 24 Pl), this time looking for the body of Richard Dunning, again! After the occupants were told we had a SW for Dunning they quickly offered him up.

TF-24-730

On December 26, 2024 SPEAR TFO's assisted Rifle Police on a traffic stop at the intersection of E 5th St. and McCarron Ave. in the City of Rifle. A K9 free air sniff lead to a probable cause search of the vehicle which yielded 23.54 grams TGW of methamphetamine. The driver, Mario Serna Diaz (DOB: 09/12/2000) was arrested for possession with attempt to distribute a schedule II controlled substance and transported to the Garfield County Jail.

TF-25-002

January 1st of this year, SPEAR was contacted by CSP and Mesa SO, that they had been pursuing a vehicle heading eastbound towards Garfield County. The vehicle had already driven around stop sticks earlier. SPEAR along with GCSO, CSP and Parachute PD set up for the fleeing vehicle. At the 67 SPEAR attempted to pull the vehicle over and again it fled, The vehicle was able to maneuver around 2 additional sets of stop sticks but no the 3rd. The vehicle did come to a stop and the driver Regina Marie Johnson was arrested. She believed the vehicle had been reported as stolen that's why she was running. A SW of the vehicle yielded only a small amount of Methamphetamine.

TF-25-011

January 7th, SPEAR learned about a male by the name of Samuel Vega that has moved to the Rifle area with a Felony warrant for vehicle theft out of Greely. We reached out the Greely after learning Vega has a 23 page rap sheet which included multiple vehicle thefts. Greely warned us that Vega is well known over there and if he's not stealing cars already he will be. We were able to locate Vega's vehicle and arrested him before he was able to get back into his truck.

TF-25-013

On January 8, 2025 at approximately 1000 hours, SPEAR conducted a traffic stop at the 92 mile mark on USHY 6. Two parties Jairo Carrillo Ortega and Victor Guzman were arrested on multiple warrants. 4 firearms (1 conformed stolen out of Mesa so far) and a small amount of narcotics were seized from the traffic stop during a probable cause search. In addition to the dope and guns, a bullet proof vest was also located in the vehicle.

TF-25-014

On January 8, 2025, TFO's conducted a traffic stop and arrested Michael Sheridan, who is being investigated by Rifle PD for possession of child pornography. Michael had an extraditable warrant for violating his federal parole for child pornography. Michael was taken into custody without resistance and housed in the Garfield County Jail.

In addition, SPEAR has continued to go after numerous arrest warrants and assist patrol on higher level calls.

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Next Meeting: March 20, 2025

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

July 17, 2025

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

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New Business:

MOU

We have used up the RMHIDTA OT for the year, the wire pretty much killed it off

Mulkey, Nate and I have been named in a civil lawsuit for an incident 1 year ago. Details can be discussed at the board meeting.

Routte County SO is requesting assistance with a new Chapter of the Pagens OMG Aug 16th. One of the Deputies had reached out a couple weeks back looking for guidance on how they could prepare.

Also just want to make sure everyone is on the same page with the whole HSI/ERO/ICE craziness that has been popping up, and assistance or information sharing.

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

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US Marshals deputization and where it's at, *it's moving forward slowly but surely*. **UPDATE:** Still moving slowly. **UPDATE:** Looks like Mulkey and Lara will get theirs at least.

Connecteam website is still being worked on. As of 5-2-25, we have the subscription for the year paid. So now we just have to start learning it so we can push it out to the troops on the street. **UPDATE:** Laura has been building the site out and is starting to play with it a bit.

Case updates:

TF25-290

May, 2025 SPEAR TFOs located and arrested Ruby Castillo, Nicasio Castillo and Jorge Perez Velasco at 200 W 20th St. #A12 in Rifle, Colorado. All parties mentioned were arrested on active arrest warrants and transported to the Garfield County Jail.

TF25-302

May, 2025 SPEAR TFOs located and arrested Deanna Barraza at 513 West Ave in Rifle, Colorado. Barraza was arrested on four active arrest warrants and transported to the Garfield County Jail.

TF25-334

May, 2025 at approximately 1324 hours, SPEAR conducted a traffic stop at the 82.5 mm on I-70. A probable cause search of the vehicle ended up the arrests of Rebecca Chavez (8/31/78) and Timothy Skelton (8/16/62). They had a variety of narcotics: 5 containers of methadone, 2 Alprazolam pills, 3 Oxycodone pills, 10 Hydrocodone pills, 13 Xanax bars, 3.61 grams of Heroin and 89.67 grams of methamphetamine

TF25-336

May, 2025 SPEAR TFO's assisted Garfield County Deputies with a vehicle pursuit. The vehicle was pursuit was initiated by GCSO Sgt Burrows after the vehicle sped up to elude being stopped. Spike Strips were successfully deployed and the driver, Caleb Perry, was taken into custody and transported to the Garfield County Jail.

TF25-360

SPEAR was able to conduct a traffic stop which led to the arrest of Shane Cornell on felony warrants out of Eagle County. On June 4 SPEAR assisted the Eagle County Sheriff's Office on a search warrant of Natahlia Birch and Shane Cornell's camper and vehicle. Stolen property was recovered and turned over to Eagle County Sheriff's Office

TF25-375

SPEAR conducted a traffic stop where the driver Aaron Brown was arrested on a Felony warrant. During a probable cause search investigator located a short barreled shotgun and methamphetamine. This stop led to the execution of yet another search warrant at the 513 West Ave address.

TF25-382

June, 2025 SPEAR TFO's located a stolen vehicle at the Golden Gate in the Town of Silt. TFO's along with the Silt Police Department were able to apprehend the male driver (Soloman Holliday) in the Golden Gate gas station. Holliday had 1 of the stolen handguns in his waistband at the time of contact.

TF25-388

June, 2025 SPEAR TFO's arrested Randy Jones at his residence 327 Evans Ave, in the Town of Parachute, Garfield County, Colorado. Randy had a no bond, felony warrant for internet exploitation of a child. He was taken into custody and housed at the Garfield County Jail.

TF25-419

On July 1, 2025 SPEAR conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of Bent Creek Cir. TFO's located Luis Garcia in the vehicle where he had multiple active warrants for his arrest. During a probable cause search of the vehicle, 7.82 grams of methamphetamine were located in the car. Garia had been hiding from LE for the past several months.

TF25-430

On July 8, 2025 SPEAR TFO's went to the address 149 County Road 314, outside the Town of New Castle, Garfield County, Colorado, in attempt to locate and apprehend Riley Morley DOB 10/11/96. Riley had an active felony warrant for sexual exploitation of children. Riley was taken into custody and housed in the Garfield County Jail.

In addition SPEAR continues to go after numerous arrest warrants and assist patrol on higher level calls.

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Prosecution:

Next Meeting:

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

Mar 20th, 2025

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

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New Business:

Granite (Eagle's Task Force) and what they are doing again.

We have started our paperwork for the 2026 RMHIDTA budget. **UPDATE:** It looks like SPEAR will continue to receive RMHIDTA funding, we have been given the thumbs up for roughly $51,000 to help and cover costs.

TFO's Mulkey, Lara and Lagiglia have been assisting GCSO covering shifts on the weekends due to shift shortage.

Look into assistance with $ or staffing to help with running the TF

Validation of gang members in our county, also what are GJPD and MCSO doing in this area.

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

Things are moving forward with Edgar pulling Chuck out of retirement. That would give us a K9 back on the team. **UPDATE:** Chuck has been recertified so we now have a dope dog on the team.

US Marshals deputization and where it's at, *it's moving forward slowly but surely*.

We are up on the WIRE! **UPDATE:** We are rolling onto TT5 as we develop additional targets.

We have been looking to change our team's website due to it not being very user friendly. We had been looking at Workplace which has been working very well for the RPD, but recently learned Facebook was stopping the service. **UPDATE**: RPD had switched over to Connecteam which is a lot like

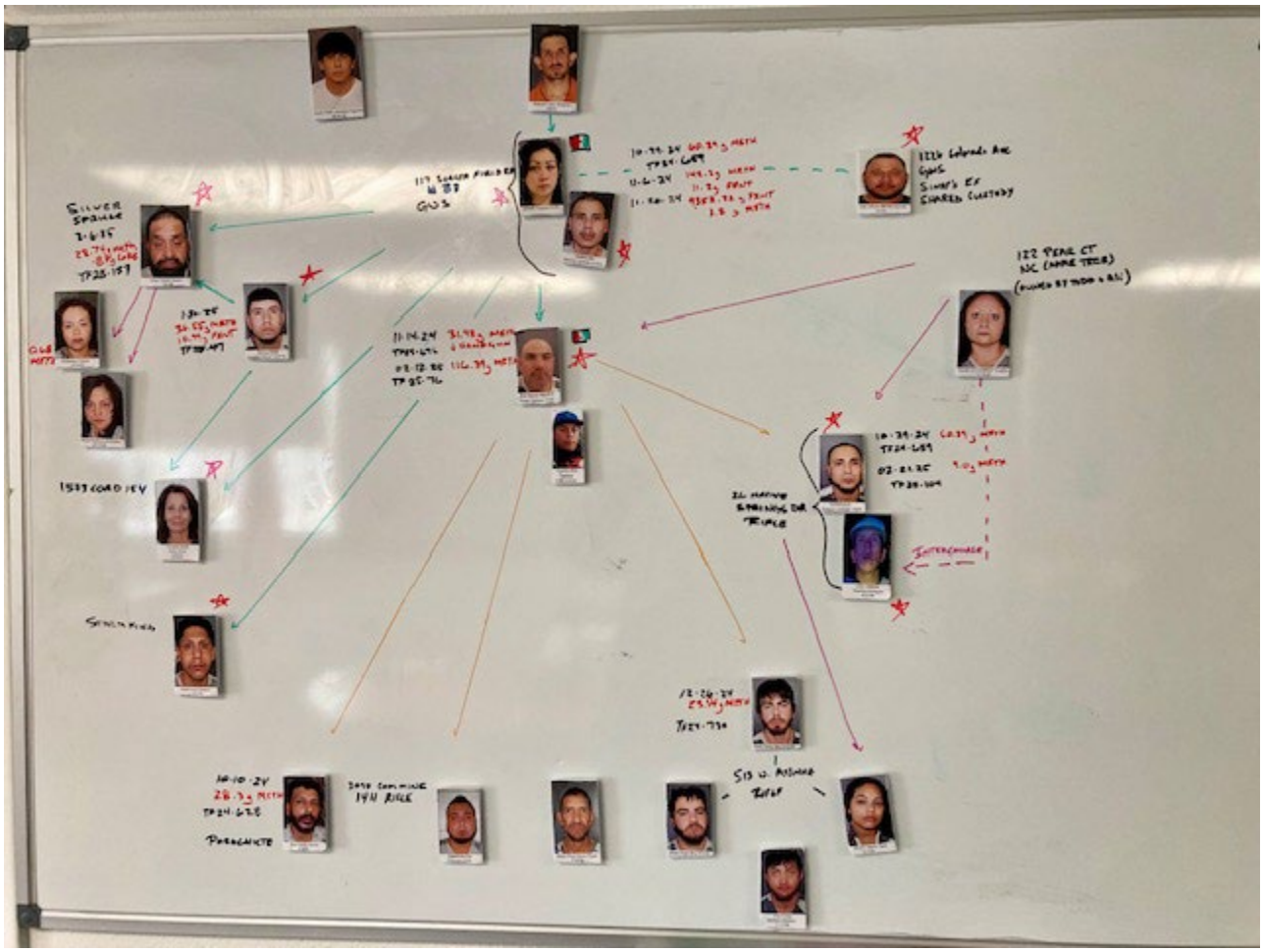
Workplace. Angela Mills with RPD came over to the office and sat down with Laura and I to give us the nickel version on it. I believe it will be much more user friendly and will be better at pulling in other agencies for the big picture. I am emailing with a gentlemen from Connecteam on the cost of what we would need from the program. **UPDATE X2:** So what I have learned. The Connecteam might be the best option available to have an interactive website. The cost looks to be about $50 a month for up to 30 users. The question is obviously the funding. If the board would like to move forward and the access goes past 30 users then the cost goes up, still working on that number.

The handling of the RMHIDTA funds/grants will be transferred by the years end. **UPDATE**: We are now going through the Sheriff's Office

The latest with lease vehicles from Utah. **UPDATE:** Numerous other TF's have been cutting ties with the Utah company. The price even going through Centennial Leasing has gone up like everything else, roughly 20%. RMHIDTA still provides about $585 a month which helps to offset the cost of the lease.

Case updates:

TF-24-659 WIRE CASE



TF25-035

On January 15, SPEAR TFO's assisted the Rifle Police Department in conducting a search warrant on 321 W. 24th Place…….again. The investigation was originally a stolen vehicle. During the search SPEAR was able to assist Rifle in locating several items which were stolen from the stolen pick-up truck. Joe Moffet and Amry Longairc the 2 primary suspects associated to this case.

TF25-039

On January 23, SPEAR set up surveillance in the New Castle area and was able to track and ultimately arrest Amery Longairc after a foot case in and around his parents neighborhood on multiple warrants. Amery admitted to having swallowed a couple of Fentanyl pills during the foot chase.

TF25-043

On January 29, 2025, TFO's assisted GCSO Deputies with a traffic top initiated by GCSO Deputy Snyder. The traffic stop, which was on a stolen Ford pickup truck, resulted in a pursuit as the driver attempted to elude law enforcement. After deploying stop sticks, the vehicle stopped after driving for miles on the rims. The female driver and a male passenger were taken into custody. During the pursuit, Jesse Jabonero 08-08-92 was observed using Facebook live and bragging to his gang banger homies the play-by-play.

TF25-045

On January 30, SPEAR TFO's assisted the District Attorney's Office of the 9th Judicial District, with serving a search warrant at the address 920 County Road 314, Garfield County, Colorado. The primary suspect Riley Morley 11-11-96 wasn't the problem, it was his step father who decided to emerge from downstairs with a gun.

TF25-047

On January 30, 2025 SPEAR TFO's conducted a traffic stop at Azteca West in the City of Glenwood Springs. The driver identified as Enrique Amancio Munoz (DOB 10/27/94) and the passenger Osbaldo Ramirez Andrade (DOB 4/13/01) were occupants. Enrique fled on foot for a brief chase and was ultimately arrested for possession of methamphetamine (36.55 grams TGW) and fentanyl (approx. 110 pills). Tied to **WIRE CASE**

TF25-051

On January 31, 2025 SPEAR TFO's arrested Matthew Wojnarowski on multiple outstanding warrants at the residence 13 Morning Star Dr. in Battlement Mesa

TF25-052

January into February, SPEAR has made 2 buys of 1,000 and 3,000 fentanyl pills from Robert Rivas. This case is still open at this time with further investigation and CI involvement running too close. Rivas is currently in jail in the Denver area after leading them on a vehicle pursuit.

TF25-066

SPEAR along with a CI purchased $300 worth of Cocaine from Heladio Sanchez Landa 08-17-75 from the Coop in Carbondale. This case is still open at this time.

TF25-076

On February 11, SPEAR conducted a traffic stop near the 108 mile mark on I-70. During the investigation, TFO's located 3,725.9 grams TGW of cocaine in the trunk. All three parties were subsequently arrested for the possession of cocaine. The kilo bricks were hidden inside a tire repair kit deep inside the trunk area.

Salmanasar Maldonado Quintanar

Zachariah Schneider

Janessa Noriega

TF25-079

On February 12, at approximately 1800 hours, SPEAR conducted a traffic stop at the 94 mile mark. K-9 Reese was deployed on the stop and indicated to the odor of illegal narcotics. During a search 116.39 grams TGW of suspected Methamphetamine were seized from the driver (Jose Manuel Romo Gallegos) and the vehicle.

TF25-101

February 20th, SPEAR with the assistance of a CI purchased $300 worth of Methamphetamine in the Glenwood Springs Walmart parking lot. This case is still open

TF25-122

On February 25, at approximately 1100 hours, SPEAR TFO'S assisted Sgt Gherardini with the apprehension of Mario Montalban DOB 09/18/88, a wanted felon, at the address 312 Columbine Ln, outside the Town of Silt, Garfield County, Colorado. Mario had a felony and three additional misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. Mario resisted arrested and obstructed our attempts to take him into custody by hiding in a closet until he was forced from his hiding place taken into custody.

TF25-157

On March 6, at approximately 1806 hours, TFO Lara conducted a traffic stop in the City of Glenwood Springs. A male party later identified as Henry Benitez was identified in the back seat of the vehicle and

had active warrants for his arrest. Mr. Benitez fought with TFO's and was ultimately arrested on the warrants. During a search of his person TFO's located two baggies totaling 29.42 grams TGW of suspected methamphetamine and a small bag of cocaine. A female passenger was also arrested on warrants during the stop.

TF25-170

On March 12, at approximately 1100 hours, we stopped a vehicle at exit 72 of I70, in Garfield County, Colorado. After further investigation, a probable cause search of the vehicle was done and approximately 88.376 pounds of marijuana bud and 1.56 pounds of psychedelic mushrooms were seized. The driver (Kelly Hunsbeth DOB 11/08/64) "AKA Cat Lady" was the sole occupant of the vehicle was arrested.

In addition, SPEAR has continued to go after numerous arrest warrants and assist patrol on higher level calls.

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Prosecution:

Next Meeting:

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

September 18, 2025

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

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New Business:

Vinny had a little boy so he will be in and out for a bit.

The HAMC are planning a get together in Glenwood Sept 26th through the 28th.

Justin Raulerson was indicted by the DEA on all/some of his misbehaviors. With that being said, he was out on parole within a couple of days. On the 9th we contacted him with a knife on his waist and spoke to Megan his Fed parole officer, and we are waiting to see if she is going to do anything about it.

Chris (DHS) was granted 2 more years to run with us. Also DHS will be getting a new RAC Oct 22nd.

CORA Request

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

Just a reminder, we have used up the RMHIDTA OT for the year, the wire pretty much killed it off

Mulkey, Nate and I have been named in a civil lawsuit for an incident 1 year ago. Details can be discussed at the board meeting. **UPDATE:** Our attorneys have filed to dismiss, we haven't heard back as of yet……still waiting

Routte County SO is requesting assistance with a new Chapter of the Pagens OMG Aug 16th. One of the Deputies had reached out a couple weeks back looking for guidance on how they could prepare. **UPDATE:** A group of us did make it up to assist, the turnout from Pagen's MC was down as far as the numbers. We had a couple of arrests "warrants" but that's about it. They were all carrying some type of

weapon when contacted. A thing to note, Mongols MC have reopened their chapter in GJ, let's see how this plays out.

When would the SO like to look at returning the lease vehicles that were leased through Utah? Matt's is currently at 1 ½ yrs and Jared's is closer to 1 yr. **UPDATE**: Cathy and I have been in talks with Utah and Denver, and things are being slowly worked out.

US Marshals deputization and where it's at, *it's moving forward slowly but surely*. **UPDATE:** Still moving slowly. **UPDATE:** Looks like Mulkey and Lara will get theirs at least. **UPDATE:** They were finally sworn in.

Case updates:

TF25-445

July, 2025, SPEAR was in the area of the 110 WB on I-70. TFO's noticed a gray Subaru driving extremely erratic and almost caused numerous wrecks. When we were able to get the vehicle stopped, Braden Echelberger was eventually arrested for DUID. He had admitted to making and smoking Crack. We were able to locate a small amount of additional Crack Cocaine in his vehicle.

TF25-449

July, 2025 SPEAR assisted Silt PD with an assault case, stopping two vehicles in the Town of Silt. Fredy Herrera-Rodriguez, and Saul HERRERA URTUZUASTIGUE were taken into custody on outstanding warrants. A probable cause search of one of the vehicles, a Ford F150 and its driver resulted in the discovery of small amount of cocaine. Jose Orrente-Espino DOB 07/07/2000 was arrested for traffic violations and possession of a controlled substance.

TF25-453

We are currently working into Isaac Brehm. We have so far purchased approx. 57.16 grams TGW of Meth from him, this case is on-going.

TF25-463

End of July, TFO's conducted a traffic stop on Jacey Ward at Silt Island Park and located fentanyl (1.48 grams TGW approx. 15pills), methamphetamine (3.6 grams TGW), and cocaine (.56 grams TGW) during a probable cause search of the vehicle.

TF25-465

On July 31, 2025 SPEAR TFO's contacted and arrested Nicole Stapleton for multiple outstanding felony warrants at the Comfort Inn in Rifle.

TF25-469

August, 2025 SPEAR TFO's responded to a traffic stop, initiated by GCSO Deputies at I-70 exit 109. The driver of the vehicle had been identified as Isaac Brehm, who is known to SPEAR TFO's as an illegal drug distributor to customers within Garfield County.

A probable cause search pursuant to the motor vehicle exception for a search warrant of the vehicle, a Dodge Ram 1500 bearing plate CUH-J19. Two baggies of crystalline substance, suspected to be methamphetamine (36.81 grams TGW) were located and found inside the vehicle. Drug paraphernalia, a package of plastic baggies, and a digital scale were also located.

Isaac was taken into custody and housed at the Garfield County Jail.

TF25-477

August, 2025 SPEAR TFO's assisted DEA Special Agents with the apprehension of an individual later identified as Justin Raulerson, in connection with a federal warrant issued by the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. The charges included conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl.

SPEAR continues to go after numerous arrest warrants and assist patrol on higher level calls.

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Prosecution:

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Garfield County Special Problem Enforcement and Response
SPEAR
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

July 17, 2025

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PREAMBLE

- In an effort to utilize pooled intelligence and information for the purpose of combating criminal activity and criminal enterprises whether active, proactive or anticipatory in nature, the Garfield County Special Problems Enforcement and Response Task Force ("SPEAR") is formed. Agencies participating in this project recognize that identifying criminal activity as well as individuals or groups responsible for said activity is of paramount importance to the communities and detentions facilities throughout every jurisdiction. Through united efforts, information and intelligence resources will be better utilized and investigative efforts will be more fruitful on behalf of the communities served by these agencies. The participating agencies are committed to cooperative efforts and information sharing through their participation with SPEAR. SPEAR will be used to help in the identification, investigation and prosecution of individuals and groups involved with criminal activity and criminal enterprises. The purpose of SPEAR is to unite participating agencies into a cohesive, coordinated effort to eradicate criminal activity through a multi-jurisdictional unit and information/intelligence network.

MISSION STATEMENT

- The mission of SPEAR is to eradicate major crimes within Garfield County, using a multi-jurisdictional approach to relentlessly pursue, arrest, and prosecute those responsible.

SECTION 1. TASK FORCE GOVERNING BOARD

1.1 GOVERNING BOARD: SPEAR will have a Governing Board consisting of the Chief Executive Officer of each participating agency, plus such other members approved by the Governing Board.

1.2 MEETINGS: The Governing Board shall meet monthly, or as determined necessary by the Board. The meetings shall be held at various places selected by the Board.

1.3 QUORUM: A majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Members of the Board may send a member of their staff to be present in lieu of the actual board member, and such alternate shall have full voting privileges.

1.4 VOTING: Action of the Board shall be by simple majority, and shall occur at a meeting, or through electronic voting. Presence at a meeting and participation as a part of a quorum is allowed through electronic or voice-conferencing. The Board may act without a meeting by unanimous written consent.

1.5 FOCUS OF THE BOARD: The Governing Board will generally focus in the following areas:

- The Governing Board will utilize pooled intelligence resources of all the participating entities to prioritize and to mutually decide upon priorities of the Task Force.

- The Governing Board will address any issues of mutual concern to the participants of the Task Force. This may include any major issues that will impact other members of the Task Force such as budget matters, matters of policy and procedure and other matters of mutual concern.

- Annually, the Governing Board will mutually agree upon project goals and objectives for the coming year.

- The Governing Board will resolve any interagency conflicts that may arise during the duration of this project.

SECTION 2. BOARD OFFICERS, PROJECT DIRECTOR, PROSECUTOR AND TASK FORCE OFFICERS

2.1 BOARD OFFICERS. The Board shall elect several Board Officers including: Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary, Financial Officer and Task Force Commander. Board Officers shall be elected annually at the January meeting.

2.1.1 CHAIRPERSON. The Chairperson of the Board shall call all Board meetings to order and shall be generally responsible for the conduct of Board meetings. The Chairperson may assume any other duties and powers approved by the Board.

2.1.2 CO-CHAIRPERSON. The Co-Chairperson shall assume the duties and authority of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

2.1.3 SECRETARY. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking and keeping Minutes of the Board. The Secretary shall also be responsible for keeping an original signed version of this Memorandum and may assume other duties approved by the Board.

2.1.4 FINANCIAL OFFICER. The Financial Officer shall track financial assets and accounts generated by operation of the Task Force.

2.1.5 TASK FORCE COMMANDER. The Task Force Commander will oversee and command the operation of the Task Force on a daily basis. The Task Force Commander may make operational and administrative decisions which are necessary for the routine operation of the Task Force. When it is impractical to consult the Governing Board, the Task Force Commander will make decisions of a larger scale needing immediate action. When such a situation arises, the Task Force Commander shall report those decisions to the Governing Board as soon as possible.

2.2 PROJECT DIRECTORS. The Governing Board shall appoint the Project Director, who shall be responsible for filing required reports required by funding entities and oversight agencies.

2.3 PROSECUTOR. The District Attorney for the Ninth Judicial District shall assign a Prosecutor for purposes of administering the prosecution of all SPEAR felony arrests and providing legal advice to the Task Force and Board. The Governing Board may appoint the SPEAR prosecutor as Project Director.

2.4 TASK FORCE OFFICERS. The officers assigned to the Task Force will be used primarily for Task Force investigations and other duties as assigned by their individual Department Chief Executive Officers and the Task Force Commander. The Task Force Officers will work out of the Task Force office or such other places approved by the Board.

SECTION 3. INVESTIGATOR INFORMATION SHARING MEETINGS

3.1 COORDINATION. The timely coordination and communication of investigative information is of paramount importance. Participating agencies agree to fully coordinate and communicate regarding any information received by their agency which might be

beneficial to Task Force investigations. To facilitate this communication, all members of the Task Force will meet weekly with the Task Force Commander at a date and time determined by the Task Force Commander.

SECTION 4. EVIDENCE

4.1 PROCEDURES. All evidence and property seized by Task Force Officers shall be identified, preserved, booked and stored in accordance with procedures approved by the Board. The Task Force Commander shall appoint a Task Force Officer or Task Force Analyst to serve as evidence custodian.

4.2 AUDIT. All evidence and property seized and stored by the Task Force shall be audited annually or as deemed necessary by the Board. Annual audits will be conducted in December and results reported to the Board in January. Persons responsible for conducting audits will be appointed by the Board.

SECTION 5. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES MANUAL

5.1 The Task Force will operate in accordance with the SPEAR Operational Guidelines Manual. The Manual will be written and kept updated by the Task Force Commander. The Board will approve the Manual and any additions, deletions or changes.

SECTION 6. INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM

6.1 OBLIGATIONS OF THE SPEAR TASK FORCE. SPEAR hereby agrees to:

- Establish and maintain a central computerized criminal intelligence information system for the sole purpose of assisting local, state, and federal law enforcement agency personnel in ongoing multijurisdictional investigations or prosecution activities relating to specific areas of criminal activity.

- Supply the prospective Participating Agencies with membership applications and policy information and, upon attainment of membership, procedural guidelines and necessary forms as adopted by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office.

- Establish criteria for: Information submission, information inquiry/access/dissemination, information retention/purging, security of information, audit trails and assigning of agency representatives.

- Identify and monitor suspected or validated individuals or groups that present a known or perceived threat to the community or entity.

- Update Participating Agencies on identified or suspected threats within their jurisdiction by utilizing information and intelligence bulletins pertinent to that jurisdiction.

- Comply with the U.S. Department of Justice Systems Operating Policies; 28 CFR Part 23 (Sept. 23, 1993), where applicable.

- Assure that the information and intelligence files are maintained in accordance with the applicable Colorado Record Retention Laws, and can only be held for a period of five (5) years. The five (5) year retention period begins from the last date of documented criminal activity or contact with an individual where the probable cause to believe criminal activity or association with criminal activity exists.

6.2 OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. Each Participating Agency hereby agrees to:

- Establish and Comply with the U.S. Department of Justice Systems Operating Policies; 28 CFR Part 23 (Sept. 23, 1993), where applicable, and with the policies and procedures promulgated by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office and SPEAR.

- Assume responsibility for ensuring that all data submitted for storage in the SPEAR files is connected to known or suspected criminal activity for the operation of the system, and insuring the accuracy of all information submitted for storage by each agency in the SPEAR files.

- Assume responsibility for, and assure that all information disseminated from, SPEAR files is kept in strict confidence and is not disseminated to other entities by the Participating Agency, and to guard against any use or misuse of said information other than for informational and intelligence purposes. Dissemination by the Participating Agency of intelligence bulletins and/or information presented by SPEAR shall be strictly prohibited unless prior approval by SPEAR is obtained. This decision will be reached on a case-by-case basis.

- Utilize pooled intelligence and information resources of all participating agencies for the purpose of identifying existing threats within the community and detentions facilities to combat criminal activity that exists or is deemed proactive or anticipatory in nature.

- Update SPEAR when an identified individual is contacted by your agency. Information and intelligence files on validated threats and individuals are maintained in accordance with applicable Colorado Record Retention Laws and can only be held for a period of five (5) years. The five (5) year retention period begins from the last date of documented criminal activity or contact with an individual where probable cause to believe criminal activity or association with criminal activity exists.

- SPEAR will notify each agency when a record has reached the end of its retention period. It is the responsibility of each participating agency to purge their copies of documents when notified by SPEAR that the retention period has ended.

SECTION 7. EQUIPMENT

7.1 GENERAL. Each Officer assigned to the Task Force shall be provided a portable radio, vehicle and usual personal equipment required for the execution of law enforcement duties by their respective agencies. The equipment provided to the Task Force Officers from the contributing agency shall remain property of the contributing agency. The contributing agency shall be solely responsible for the maintenance, repair and security of said equipment. If an agency needs to borrow equipment from another agency, appropriate arrangements should be made between the respective members of the Board.

7.2 TASK FORCE PROPERTY. Certain equipment will not be contributed by any agency and will be considered property of the Task Force. This equipment includes property acquired by means of asset forfeiture. Because the Task Force is not an incorporated entity capable of legally holding title to real or personal property, any such Task Force property will be the legal property of a member agency agreed upon by the Board, to be held in trust for the use of the Task Force. In the event of the disbanding of SPEAR, the Governing Board shall decide on the final disposition of the property and all other assets.

7.3 PROPERTY INVENTORY. Equipment and property acquired for use by the Task Force shall be tracked through ongoing inventory process by the Task Force Commander. Such inventory shall list the source of the equipment/property and the designated ownership of such equipment/property.

SECTION 8. PERSONNEL AND RELATED ISSUES

8.1 GENERAL. All personnel assigned to the Task Force will remain the responsibility of their parent agency. Supervisors for the parent agencies will be in charge of their individual subordinates, with Officers placed under the supervision of the Task Force Commander for all Task Force duties and operations. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Memorandum, Task Force Officers shall serve at the will of the Governing Board and can be removed from the Task Force by the Board at any time with or without good cause. Task Force Officers may refuse to obey any illegal or unduly dangerous order from any person.

8.2 SELECTION. All Officers assigned to the Task Force shall be selected pursuant to the procedure outlined in this section.

- The Board Member of a participating agency shall submit appropriate materials for candidate Officers to the Secretary for distribution to the Board. Appropriate materials for candidates shall include a resume', listing details of the candidate's education and training pertinent to law enforcement and non-law enforcement experience.

- The Board shall conduct an oral interview of a candidate within one month of receipt of the required materials. Such oral interview will be conducted with a

minimum of *5* Board Members present, with a minimum 75% approval required to appoint a Task Force position. The Board may also define and state a preference in candidates should a participating agency offer multiple candidates for one position.

- The Task Force Commander shall be selected through the same process as Task Force Officers.

8.3 DISCIPLINE. Should the need for any disciplinary action arise against any Task Force Officer, the disciplinary action imposed shall be the responsibility of the Officer's parent agency. The Task Force Commander may recommend to each Officer's parent agency that disciplinary process be considered or initiated. The Task Force Commander shall be empowered to provisionally suspend any Task Force Officer from the Task Force for incompetence, negligence, insubordination, criminal conduct, or other conduct unbecoming a Task Force Officer. The TFO's parent agency shall be notified of such action immediately. Such provisional suspension may be rescinded by the Task Force Commander or be brought to the Board for review at their next meeting. Any change of status of such suspension shall require a majority vote of the Governing Board. After review of all information the Board considers pertinent to the suspension, the Board may take the following actions:

- Rescind the suspension.

- Accept the suspension and initiate procedures for removal of the Task Force Officer.

- Remove the Task Force Officer with the consent of the parent agency, or through resignation of Task Force assignment by the Officer.

In the event the Governing Board accepts the suspension and initiates procedures for removal of the Task Force Officer, the procedures shall be as follows:

- The Task Force Commander shall be assigned to prepare a written report to the Governing Board which shall include, at a minimum; a summary of the reasons for the suspension, a statement of any facts that the Task Force Commander feels constitute grounds for removal from the Task Force, a summary of all available evidence both in favor and against the Task Force Officer, a written statement from the Task Force Commander detailing the reasons the Task Force Commander feels removal from the Task Force is warranted, and a written statement from the Task Force Officer in question should they wish to provide one.

- The report of the Task Force Commander shall be prepared within two days of the Board's decision to initiate removal procedures.

- The report from the Task Force Commander shall be provided to all Governing Board members and the Task Force Officer in question.

- The Board shall consider the issue of removal of the Task Force Officer at their next meeting.

- The Board will consider the report from the Task Force Commander.

- The Task Force Officer in question may address the Board if they desire.

- The Board will consider any other information it deems relevant.

- The Task Force Officer shall have no right to legal counsel at such meeting.

- The Board shall consider the matter in executive session. A decision to remove a Task Force Officer pursuant to this section shall be by a majority of the total Governing Board. Nothing in this section shall in any way affect a parent agency from voluntary removal of their Officer at anytime.

- During the above-process, a parent agency may re-assign their Officer to non-Task Force duties pending disposition.

8.3.1 MISCONDUCT OF THE TASK FORCE COMMANDER. Task Force Officers may report any misconduct or other inappropriate actions on the part of the Task Force Commander to the Chairperson or any Governing Board Member. The Chairperson may take any action that the Chairperson deems necessary to immediately address any such issue, including a temporary suspension of the Task Force Commander. In the event that the Chairperson suspends the Task Force Commander, the Chairperson shall call an immediate emergency meeting of the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall consider any issues raised by the Chairperson. Any decision to remove the Task Force Commander shall require a majority vote of the entire Governing Board, minus the Task Force Commander, who shall have no vote in such action.

8.3.2 STANDARDS. The process provided for in paragraphs 8.3 and 8.3.1 shall in no way be construed as requiring that good cause be found by the Governing Board as a precondition of taking any disciplinary action against a Task Force Officer or the Task Force Commander.

SECTION 9. REPORTS

9.1 REPORTS. Reports will be prepared utilizing a standard format approved by the Task Force Commander. The Board may require the use of such forms it deems appropriate. All Task Force agencies agree to provide appropriate statistical reports in a timely manner as required by Division of Criminal Justice grant reporting or other oversight

and funding entities. Any necessary arrest data, seizure data, and other information will be forwarded to the Project Director.

SECTION 10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY NOT WAIVED. None of the parties waive its rights under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act.

10.2 INSURANCE. Each Party shall maintain general liability and police professional liability coverage or its equivalent in an amount not less than the maximum amount that may be received under the provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act against a public entity or public employee. The policy shall insure against claims for bodily injury, death, property damage, or personal injury which may arise through the performance of the Task Force's duties. The policies should also provide coverage for the costs of defending any claims that may arise from the performance of the Task Force's duties.

10.3 SEVERANCE. Any term, clause, part or provision of this Memorandum held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of Colorado or the United States shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or provisions. The rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the memorandum did not contain the particular term, clause, part or provision held to be invalid.

10.4 GOVERNING LAW. In its entirety, the Memorandum is subject to and shall be construed in accordance with the provisions of Colorado law.

10.5 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. The Memorandum shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of each of the Parties. A Party may not assign any of its rights or obligations under the Memorandum without the prior written consent of all other members of the Governing Board.

10.6 NOTICE. Any notice required or permitted by this Memorandum shall be in writing and sent by certified mail or registered mail, postage and fees prepaid. The certified mail or registered mail shall be addressed to the Party to whom such notice is being given at the address set forth on the signature page below. Such notice shall be deemed to have been given when deposited in the United States mail.

10.7 SEPARATE ENTITIES. The Parties enter into this Memorandum as separate, independent governmental entities and shall maintain such status throughout.

10.8 NO PARTNERSHIP. Nothing in this Memorandum shall create a partnership or joint venture between the parties hereto.

10.9 COOPERATION, REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, AND EXTRATERRITORIALITY. Each participating agency understands that all Task Force Officers will operate throughout the entire area covered by the Task Force. By executing this agreement, each participating agency hereby consents and agrees to having all Task Force Officers operate in their territory with full power to conduct investigations, make arrests, and take such other actions as are necessary for Task Force operations. This agreement also constitutes a standing request for assistance on behalf of each participating agency to utilize Task Force Officers to enforce any violations of law arising out of any such investigation in the territory of each participating agency. Each participating agency acknowledges that any Task Force Officer operating in the particular agency's territory has full power to investigate such violations and make arrests as if such Task Force Officer were a sworn Officer of the particular agency. No agency relationship is created hereby, and each participating agency shall be fully liable for the actions of its Officers.

10.10 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. The participating agencies shall be all those that sign this agreement. The Governing Board, by majority vote, may admit new agencies into the Task Force, and such new agencies must sign this agreement.

10.11 CAPACITY OF BOARD MEMBERS, BOARD OFFICERS AND TASK FORCE OFFICERS. All Board Members, Board Officer and Task Force Officers shall remain fully the employees and agents of their respective governmental agency employers and shall not be considered an employee or agent of any other governmental agency. Each individual governmental agency shall remain fully responsible for all of the actions of its own employees or agents, and no party hereto shall incur any liability as a result of the actions of any employee or agent of another party hereto.

10.12 MODIFICATION. This Memorandum may only be modified in writing with the consent of all parties hereto.

10.13 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Memorandum shall be effective as of the date when all parties have signed this Memorandum.

10.14 SECTION HEADINGS. The various section headings contained in this Memorandum are for the sake of convenience only, and have no legal effect whatsoever.

10.15 AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE. The undersigned parties state that they represent and have the authority to execute this MOU on behalf of their respective agencies or departments and, in signing this MOU, concur with and support SPEAR as set forth in this MOU and for the period and purpose stated herein.

10.16 COUNTERPARTS. The parties may execute this MOU in two or more counterparts which shall, in the aggregate, be deemed an original but all of which, together, shall constitute one and the same instrument

Voting Members

Garfield County Sheriff's Office

BY: _____ Date: _____
Lou Vallario
Sheriff

Rifle Police Department

BY: _____ Date: _____
Debra Funston
Chief of Police

Silt Police Department

BY:_____ Date:_____
Mike Kite
Chief of Police

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BY: _____ Date: _____
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District Attorney

Drug Enforcement Administration

BY: _____ Date: _____
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Homeland Security Investigations

BY:_____ Date:_____
Jeremy Wilson
Resident Agent in Charge

Participating Members

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BY:_____ Date:_____
Jared Wrap
Captain

Parachute Police Department
BY:_____ Date:_____
Sam Stewart
Chief of Police

New Castle Police Department
BY:_____ Date:_____
Stu Curry
Chief of Police

Carbondale Police Department
BY: _____ Date: _____
Kirk Wilson
Chief of Police

Glenwood Springs Police Department

BY: _____ Date: _____
Joseph Deras
Chief of Police

Garfield County Sheriff's Office
CRIMINAL INTEL REPORT

Law Enforcement Only / Officer Safety

Date: 01/23/2025 GCSO Case: No GCSO Case Number

On January 23, 2025, the Rifle Police Department arrested Darryl Thomas Merlin (DOB 11/18/1985,) for multiple charges including 2nd Degree Burglary, 1st Degree Criminal Trespass, 2nd Degree Assault – Strangulation, Violation of Restraining Order, DV, and 2nd Degree Assault on a Peace Officer. While being placed into custody Merlin talked about how he had planned to bring a gun to kill his ex-girlfriend and her family. Merlin also stated that he planned to "shoot-up" City Market.

Upon arrival at the Garfield County Jail, Merlin became uncooperative spitting on Detention Deputies, and refused to cooperate with Deputies. Merlin made threats against law enforcement stating that when he is released he is going to kill everyone. Merlin made suicidal statements to staff members and talked about having a plan for March 13, in which he said he and other people would die too.

Garfield County Investigators interviewed Merlin later at the Garfield County Jail. Merlin stated that he had a plan to pray for everyone to end up with his or her God. Merlin said there would be lots of blood before he spilled his own. Merlin said everyone's loved ones would be free and it is God's will that people die. Darryl kept saying that he wished the voices in his head would stop and referred to the voices as ants. Mental Health staff assessed Merlin and investigators were made aware that Merlin is schizophrenic, with paranoid delusions, commanding voices, and hallucinations that tell him to do violent things.

Merlin has been arrested in Miami-Dade County, Florida with charges of Felony Carrying Concealed Firearms, Felony Criminal Mischief, Controlled Substance Possession, Battery, Trespass, and alcohol-related offenses.

Merlin does not have a listed address locally and has been a transient between Rifle and Glenwood Springs recently. Use caution when coming into contact with Merlin as he seems to be escalating in his delusions, and becoming more violent.

Darryl Thomas Merlin, DOB: 11/18/1985



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Investigations Commander
Cdr. Josh Craine
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POLICE
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TO PROTECT AND TO SERVE

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Intelligence Bulletin: **Officer Safety/Awareness** Date: July 27, 2024 Bulletin: # 24-30

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Officer Safety/Awareness Bulletin

Officer Safety/Awareness

The Albuquerque Police Department has received information from our federal partners regarding possible "green light" attacks on law enforcement. AQ HSI has received information from credible human sources out of Colorado that the Tren De Aragua (TDA*) criminal organization operating in Denver have been given a "green light" to fire on or attack law enforcement.

HSI New York has also received this information. Due to the access of these informants this intelligence is believed to be credible at this time. Officers should remain vigilant and reach out to the on-call APD Strategic Criminal Intelligence Unit Detective or GANG Detective if contact is made with an individual associated to TDA or if any additional information becomes available.

*TDA originated in Venezuela and its membership has spread throughout the Western Hemisphere and into the United States. TDA is known to exploit immigrant populations and carry out acts of violent crime.

The information contained in this bulletin is Law Enforcement sensitive and is not probable cause to detain or arrest. This information should not be released to any third party without authorized approval.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 10:08 AM
To: Alstatt - CDPS, Megan
Cc: Mike Tyler; Aaron Munch; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; Brent Baker; Christopher Carter; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; Jeff Cheney; Joseph Deras; Josh Craine; Leonard Haran; Mohr - CDPS, Christian; Sarah Nordgaard; james.fuller@state.co.us; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Mike Young
Subject: Re: Internet predator operation

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Be safe and stay healthy!

On Oct 10, 2023, at 10:06 AM, Alstatt - CDPS, Megan <megan.alstatt@state.co.us> wrote:

Not sure you had a choice :) it will be fun!

On Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 10:04 AM Mike Tyler < mtyler@rifleco.org> wrote:

> SPEAR is in !!!
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> ---
>
> **From:** Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>
> **Sent:** Monday, October 9, 2023 2:07 PM
> **To:** Mohr - CDPS, Christian <christian.mohr@state.co.us>; Alstatt - CDPS, Megan <megan.alstatt@state.co.us>; james.fuller@state.co.us; Leonard Haran <leonard.haran@ice.dhs.gov>; Christopher Carter <Christopher.c.carter@dhs.gov>; Aaron Munch <aaron.munch@basaltpolice.com>; BPD Chief Greg Knott <greg.knott@basaltpolice.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; Brent Baker <BBaker@garcosheriff.com>; Sarah Nordgaard <snordgaard@9daco.org>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; mike.young@cogs.us; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Lou Vallario

<LVallario@garcosheriff.com>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Jeff Cheney <jcheney@9daco.org>
Subject: Internet predator operation

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At the writing of this email we would like to shoot for operation execution the first week of March 2024 and we are looking at operating in Carbondale or Glenwood Springs in order to utilize some of the hotels. These are just some of the many logistical things that need to be ironed out prior to the operation. Luckily with CBI and HSI resources and their experience in these operations this should go relatively smoothly.

If there is anyone on this list that I missed please let me know and we can get them added and then we can start some more formal planning. Any questions please let me know directly and we'll try to avoid blowing up everyone's email. Thanks all.

Commander Joshua Craine

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Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 3:57 PM
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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 1:57 PM
To: 'Lou Vallario'
Subject: RE: SPEAR

Thank you for the update. Waiting to hear back from Karl's office.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 1:01 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: SPEAR

Happy Friday!

Just an fyi, I have every local agency's signature on the MOU. Even Carbondale!! CSP refused to sign and I'm waiting on DEA and their legal counsel.

Let me know what your status is. I can keep it on there if it's still under discussion, or I can remove it.

Thanks!

Lou Vallario

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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 6:03 PM
To: 'Lou Vallario'
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] MOU

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 4:41 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] MOU

That's the latest version.

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> On Oct 15, 2025, at 4:31 PM, Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us> wrote:
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> Yes – I think so. See attached. This has some but not all signatures. The reason for this is there is some conversation (rumor?) that not all agencies will sign it because of some federal partners involvement. That info has reached our legal team and bosses. My bosses are asking questions. I told them I was unaware of that being an issue, rather you were having difficulty tracking everyone down.
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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 2:56 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] MOU

Let me back up....did I send you one with the current signatures that we have so far???
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<SPEAR MOU.pdf>

Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 4:30 PM
To: 'Lou Vallario'
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] MOU
Attachments: SPEAR MOU.pdf

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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 11:10 AM
To: 'Lou Vallario'
Subject: RE: MOU

Thank you for this

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 10:05 AM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: RE: MOU

Here ya go. Still chasing a few agencies or waiting to see who's in charge this week!!!

Lou Vallario
Garfield County Sheriff

From: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 4:23 PM
To: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MOU

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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 4:47 PM
To: 'Lou Vallario'
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] MOU

Sure thing…not urgent

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 4:25 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] MOU

Yep! Tomorrow???

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 11:01 AM
To: Chris Dietrich
Subject: FW: Agenda
Attachments: SPEAR Board Meeting agenda Sept 2025.docx; Request.pdf

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 8:27 AM
To: Ali Richards <Alison.M.Richards@dea.gov>; Ben Sollars <bsollars@9daco.org>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; damcwhirter@fbi.gov; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; DJPorter@uspis.gov; Jared Rapp <jared.rapp@state.co.us>; Jeremy Wilson <Jeremy.W.Wilson@hsi.dhs.gov>; John Hassell <john.hassell@cogs.us>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; Kirk Wilson <kwilson@carbondaleco.net>; Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>; Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; Ryan Molinari <ryan.molinari@atf.gov>; Sam Stewart <sstewart@parachutecolorado.com>; Stu Curry <scurry@newcastlecolorado.org>; Troy Eliason <Troy.L.Eliason@dea.gov>
Subject: Agenda

All,

Attached is the agenda for tomorrow's meeting (9/18) and a CORA request we need to discuss.

As usual, the meeting will be held at the SPEAR office at Noon.

Hope you can be there!

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 10:29 AM
To: 'Lou Vallario'
Subject: RE: MOU

As long as we have been doing this you would think nothing would be a surprise. These folks keep doing things and we can only shake our heads. I heard something happened with Gronbeck. The New Castle thing, whatever happened there is surprising since he was sworn in not long ago.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 9:21 AM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Re: MOU

.....AND, Gronbeck at Silt is on admin leave for some type of sexual harassment with a female employee.....

Friggin soap operas...

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 4:43 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Re: MOU

Thanks for that. Anytime works.

I'll correct Jared's name, but my understanding is that Chuck Burrows was terminated and Stu is acting Chief? I'm I behind in the gossip? LOL!

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> I looked over the SPEAR MOU. I thought I'd share a few things for your consideration. You have Stu Curry listed as the New Castle Chief and Capt. Jared at CSP's last name is misspelled - should be Rapp.
>
> I won't be at the meeting to sign. I can walk to your office, wait until I see you or sign it, scan and send back to you. Whatever works best??
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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 4:43 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Re: MOU

Thanks for that. Anytime works.

I'll correct Jared's name, but my understanding is that Chuck Burrows was terminated and Stu is acting Chief? I'm I behind in the gossip? LOL!

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> On Jul 15, 2025, at 4:25 PM, Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us> wrote:
>
> Sheriff,
> I looked over the SPEAR MOU. I thought I'd share a few things for your consideration. You have Stu Curry listed as the New Castle Chief and Capt. Jared at CSP's last name is misspelled - should be Rapp.
>
> I won't be at the meeting to sign. I can walk to your office, wait until I see you or sign it, scan and send back to you. Whatever works best??
>
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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 11:22 AM
To: Chris Dietrich
Cc: John Hassell
Subject: FW: Agenda
Attachments: SPEAR Agenda May 2025.docx

Chris,
In case you have any interest in attending, here is the agenda. We do not attend this anymore since we left the team. In this case it might be good for you to understand how these meetings go and what is discussed. You can choose not to attend this one, just wanted to make it avail. to you

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 9:36 AM
To: Ali Richards <Alison.M.Richards@dea.gov>; Ben Sollars <bsollars@9daco.org>; Bill Kimminau <bill.kimminau@cogs.us>; Chuck Burrows <cburrows@newcastlecolorado.org>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; damcwhirter@fbi.gov; Daniel Porter <DJPORTER@USPS.GOV>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Jared Rapp <jared.rapp@state.co.us>; Jeremy Wilson <Jeremy.W.Wilson@hsi.dhs.gov>; John Hassell <john.hassell@cogs.us>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; Kirk Wilson <kwilson@carbondaleco.net>; Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>; Mike Kite <mkite@townofsilt.org>; Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; Ryan Molinari <ryan.molinari@atf.gov>; Sam Stewart <sstewart@parachutecolorado.com>; Troy Eliason <Troy.L.Eliason@dea.gov>
Subject: Agenda

Attached is the agenda for next week's meeting on 5/15 at noon, SPEAR Office.

Hope to see you there!

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From: Wendy Bautista
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 3:14 PM
Subject: Lt Bill Kimminau's Retirement Celebration

Please join us in celebrating Lt. Bill Kimminau's Retirement on Sunday, June 8th from 4 -6:30pm at the Glenwood Community Center, 100 Wulfsohn Road.
RSVP by clicking Here
Please feel free to share this with other colleagues who have worked with Lt Kimminau!



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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 2:19 PM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: Question on PD working with ICE

Ok that is fair and def. a good target!

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 12:01 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Re: Question on PD working with ICE

FYI,

turns out that ICE did grab someone in the parking lot after he left the courthouse. He was charged/convicted (?) of Child Prostitution with an 11 year old. ICE notified one of our Patrol supervisors but did not request any assistance. They probably should have notified GSPD.

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> On Feb 6, 2025, at 10:09 PM, Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com> wrote:
>
> Ironically, since this is not a criminal violation, if we were to civilly arrest someone who violated this statute, we would also be violating the statute!!
>
> Lawmakers making laws when they know nothing about the law…….!
>
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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** February 6, 2025 at 9:53:18 PM MST
> **To:** Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
> **Subject: Re: Question on PD working with ICE**
>
> I double-checked the statute and the violation is a civil action, nothing we can enforce.



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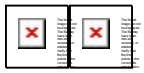
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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 5:50 PM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: Congrats!

Thank you sir. Yes, please continue to include me on correspondence and I will sign for Fire and PD. Haven't seen you in awhile, hope all is going well. Merry Christmas if I don't see you!

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 10:08 AM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Congrats!

Chief,

Congrats to you and John. Makes me glad I hired him! LOL!

For clarification, how do you want to handle MOU's, notifications (SPEAR, AHRT, Fire Chiefs, etc)? Will you be the one I need to correspond with, John, Doug or all?

I'll check my distribution lists and make sure he's on all of them, but do you still want to be included?

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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 3:17 PM
To: Lou Vallario; Debra Funston; Leif Sackett
Subject: RE: AHRT Request.

All,
No issues with us. Thank you for the info.

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 3:16 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Leif Sackett <leif.sackett@crfr.us>
Subject: Fwd: AHRT Request.

Fyi, see the below request. I approved it pending any concerns.

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> **From:** Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** August 26, 2024 at 10:27:47 AM MDT
> **To:** Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>, Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>, Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
> **Subject: AHRT Request.**
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> SPEAR is requesting for AHRT to assist with a search warrant execution for a known drug house in Rifle. Several of the associated parties have been armed in the past and have violent/weapons charges in their criminal histories. Mike has reached out to his Chief and she has requested for our team to assist with the execution. We have also hit this house once before with team.
>
> Im good with the request, if approved we would be looking at a Friday morning 07:00 hit as the search warrant must be executed during daylight hours.

The pre op plan info is also attached to this email. Please let me know if you and the board are good with us assisting.

Thanks!
Oz

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** David Mulkey <dmulkey@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** August 23, 2024 at 3:31:51 PM MDT
> **To:** Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
> **Cc:** Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
> **Subject: Pre op Plan**
>
> Attached is the preoperational plan for 321 W. 24th Place
>
> **Investigator David Mulkey**
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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 7:13 PM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: SPEAR grants

Hi Lou,
I'm sorry I didn't get back with you sooner. Nothing in concrete, but I was thinking around/by the first of the year? We (Bill) can be available anytime to work out a transition or some explanation/training on how he has been facilitating the grants and funds over the years if there is any interest from a new person. Whatever is the easiest process for the team is good with us. If that date doesn't work we can always go into the next year. I wanted to be mindful for the upcoming year's grant application to HIDTA so someone could be on top of that ahead of time and the submission date is not missed.

Joseph

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 6:26 AM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Cc: Deb Funston <Dfunston@rifleco.org>; Bill Kimminau <bill.kimminau@cogs.us>; Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
Subject: Re: SPEAR grants

Good morning,

The end of an era! GSPD has been a part of specialized enforcement ever since I was assigned to the DEA Task Force in 1992. And I agree with you. Best assignment I ever had!

But, times change. That's a reality. We'll figure out a way to adjust.

Do you have a timeframe for this transition?

Also, I'd like to move the SPEAR meeting to July 11 instead of the 18th, if that's possible. I'll be out of town on the 18th.

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I hope your summer is moving right along and you are enjoying the warm weather? I am writing with a bit of bad news. As we are no longer on the SPEAR team and Lt. Bill Kimminau is going to be transitioning into retirement we are going to pass the grant writing/funding and buy funds (fiduciary) responsibilities onto an agency who has an active member on the team.

Realistically I do not envision us being in a position to return to SPEAR for an extended period of time. I am sorry about this because the bulk of my career has been spent on a tactical/specialized enforcement team and I have the highest praise for that level of work. In many ways I have to wonder what I was thinking at the time to leave that in order to promote. I wanted to provide plenty of notice about this. If a new person wants to connect with Lt. Kimminau and learn the processes involved, please reach out.

I hope we are not damaging our relationship with you, but staffing and other demands for our resources require us to pivot in another direction.

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 6:53 PM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: SRO Agreement Terminated

Sheriff,
Thank you for the heads up. This wont be the last time politics dominate decisions. Ive found Dr. Cole to be very reasonable and easy to talk with.

Have a good weekend gentlemen...Joseph

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:21 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com
Cc: lvallario@garcosheriff.com
Subject: SRO Agreement Terminated

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FYI,

I was going to catch up with you about this, but the school district is pushing very fast.

So you know, I have been having conversations with the RE-1 Superintendent, Dr. Cole about continued funding for our SRO at the Riverview school before the below issue came up.

She, at the direction of the school board, was going to terminate our SRO agreement at the conclusion of this school year and redistribute those funds to other programs, presumably to the three municipalities who have SRO's in their respective high schools. I don't want to speak for the District, but they feel these funds are more appropriate for their schools with larger populations.

What has changed is the below "sanctuary" issue and they are terminating our SRO program as of Monday 4/8.

Given the change with RE-1, we will assign our Riverview SRO to CRHS (where we are welcomed) and maintain their program without interruption.

For what it's worth, I enjoyed working through this with Dr Cole. She seems easy to work with. We are just on opposite sides of this issue.

I'll keep you informed. I'm sure we'll have further discussions.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** April 5, 2024 at 1:19:14 PM MDT
> **To:** Anna Cole <acole@rfschools.com>
> **Cc:** Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>
> **Subject: Re: Checking in re:language in draft Safe Haven policy**
>
> Hello Anna,
>
> Per our ongoing conversations regarding this matter, I will not amend our agreement with the proposed language.
>
> As the head of a law enforcement agency, it is my duty to work with and cooperate with ALL law enforcement agencies whether they are local, state, federal or international. I will not discriminate against one because a group of people want to demonize them.
>
> ICE is a bonafide federal law enforcement agency with a specific responsibility for the safety and security of our country, as is DEA, FBI, Homeland Security and a variety of other federal law enforcement agencies. I will not pick and choose which ones I will cooperate with. I will cooperate with all of them.
>
> As it currently stands in both federal and state law, state and local law enforcement officers have no authority to enforce federal immigration law. To that end, the GCSO has no lawful interest in the immigration status of anyone in Garfield County .
>
> Of course, these laws are always subject to change based on Congress, the courts and state legislature. If there was a change in the future, I would be locking myself and my deputies into a position of agreeing to not enforce the law. That is something I will not do. Law enforcement officers do not have the luxury of picking and choosing which laws to enforce. We enforce all of them.
>
> I regret if this decision impacts our good relationship and our SRO program, but I cannot condone this sanctuary language.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Respectfully,

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> On Apr 5, 2024, at 12:51 PM, Anna Cole <acole@rfschools.com> wrote:
>
> Hello Sheriff Vallario,
>
> Our Board is preparing to review a draft Safe Haven policy in alignment with our 2016 Board Resolution as a Sanctuary for all students.
>
> It includes the language below which would impact our partnership supporting the Riverview School SRO. I am reaching out to get clarity on if you would be willing to amend our current or future partnership agreements in alignment with this language.
>
> Thank you,
> Anna
>
> **Partnerships with Law Enforcement:** The District shall not enter into agreements with state or local law enforcement agencies, or any federal agency, to use District resources, including personnel, to conduct or support immigration enforcement activities. Where the District has an arrangement with an outside law enforcement agency to station law enforcement officers on District campuses, the District shall attempt to enter into, or take steps to revise any already-existing, memorandum of understanding with that external law enforcement agency stating that its officers shall not participate in immigration enforcement efforts on campus. This means that the District will request that such law enforcement agencies agree that, when stationed at District schools, its law enforcement officers shall not:
>
> ○

- hold individuals in custody on detainers issued by federal immigration authorities,
- respond to notification or transfer requests from federal immigration authorities,
- make arrests based on civil immigration warrants,
- or otherwise facilitate the use of campus facilities for immigration enforcement purposes.

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Anna Cole, Interim Superintendent, Chief of Student and Family Services
Roaring Fork School District
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acole@rfschools.com
(she/her)

Ryan M. Muse

From: Bill Kimminau
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:40 PM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: 2025 budget request

Yes, it could, at least all the RMHIDTA's are feeling the pain.

Bill

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:37 PM
To: Penny Sedam <psedam@rmhidta.org>
Cc: Bill Kimminau <bill.kimminau@cogs.us>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>
Subject: Re: 2025 budget request

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> On Mar 28, 2024, at 1:43 PM, Penny Sedam <psedam@rmhidta.org> wrote:
>
> Hi Bill,
>
> We have finally completed the review of the 2025 budget requests. The 2025 requests came in at a total of $14,016,137 which was $3,084,758 over our baseline funding. Our unspent funds came in at $1,650,000 which was nice, but much like last year not enough to fulfill all the budget requests received. We applied the same standards as last year, we are unable to recommend new equipment, new personnel, new facilities or new ongoing services at this time. This year also had its share of personnel increases which we once again recommended full funding for 2025. This year our personnel, current facility costs, and leased vehicles required 71.3% of our baseline budget leaving only 28.7% for everything else. That's decrease of 3% from last year which equates to approximately $328,000 less for 2025. This explains why we are not recommending any new fixed costs as they will continue to eat away at our budget.
>
> We maintained all overtime recommendations at the same amount as the 2024 award and if increases were requested in other areas we also recommended these stay at the 2024 level. We

understand that this is not ideal and understand that prices have not stayed the same. Without a baseline increase we are unable to recommend increases, there just is not available funds to cover that. As I am sure you are aware, this led to a more critical review of the requests and will ultimately result in even fewer unspent funds available for next year. We are still hopeful that HIDTA will be considered for a baseline increase but are doing our best to get as much funding as possible to the initiatives.

During this next year we will be undoubtedly meeting regularly with the Executive Board representatives to decide the best way to move forward given our current circumstances and will be sure to send any updates as they roll out. Additionally, we will be critically reviewing all reprogramming requests to ensure that any approved will line up with our goals, the needs of our threat assessment for our area and the priorities laid out for RMHIDTA by the Executive Board.

This report is again the same format as last year and laid out like a table, listing the amounts approved and recommended by line item and the notes as to why it was not recommended which were largely due to budget restrictions. Your rebuttals should be on a separate document with your task force name at the top and details identified by category and line item when writing your rebuttal. Please return your rebuttal to me by close of business on April 5, 2024.

If you have any questions or do not understand anything, please let me know and we can talk through them or reach out to Keith.

Thank you all for your efforts on behalf of the HIDTA program and your commitment to the Rocky Mountain region.

From: Bill Kimminau <bill.kimminau@cogs.us>
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 12:37 PM
To: Penny Sedam <psedam@rmhidta.org>
Cc: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
Subject: 2025 budget request

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Penny, here is our 2025 budget request.

Have a good weekend,

Lieutenant Bill Kimminau

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Gary Tillotson
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 2:55 PM
To: Lou Vallario; Josh Osborne
Cc: Colt Cornelius; Josh Craine; Walter Stowe; Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Jeff Cheney; Leif Sackett
Subject: RE: AHRT Request

Lou,
No questions or concerns on my end.
Thanks,
Gary

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 2:49 PM
To: Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
Cc: Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; Walter Stowe <wstowe@garcosheriff.com>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Gary Tillotson <gary.tillotson@cogs.us>; Jeff Cheney <jcheney@9daco.org>; Leif Sackett <Leif.Sackett@crfr.us>
Subject: Re: AHRT Request

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Please let me know if you have any questions or objections.

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> On Jan 25, 2024, at 1:46 PM, Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com> wrote:
>
> SPEAR is requesting for AHRT to assist with a search warrant execution in Battlement. The suspect has several felony warrants and is known to be armed with firearms. The Sheriff has approved for AHRT to assist and we are awaiting for the search warrant to be approved by a Judge. The operation plan will be a surround and callout of the residence to take the party into custody.
>
> Joshua Osborne
> Patrol Commander
> Tactical Team Commander

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 5:21 PM
To: Lou Vallario; Brian Olson; Chuck Burrows; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; Jeff Cheney; Kim Ferber; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; mkite@townofsilt.org; kwilson@carbondaleco.net
Subject: RE: Suspect Michael Young in the Glenwood Area

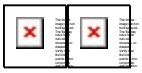
All,
This suspect is in custody! Congrats to Carbondale for the extended foot pursuit and safe arrest. Thanks for your interest in this case 😊

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 10:32 AM
To: Anthony Mazzola <anthony.mazzola@rbc.us>; Brian Olson <BOlson@tosv.com>; Chuck Burrows <cburrows@newcastlecolorado.org>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; ed@town.meeker.co.us; greg.knott@basaltpolice.com; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Jeff Cheney <jcheney@9daco.org>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Kim Ferber <kim.ferber@aspen.gov>; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Michael Buglione <Michael.Buglione@pitkinsheriff.com>; mkite@townofsilt.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; TiRynn Hamblin <thamblin@rangelyco.gov>
Subject: FW: Suspect Michael Young in the Glenwood Area

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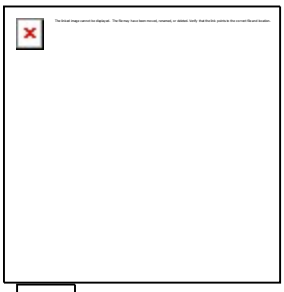
From: Ashley CidRamirez <acidramirez@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 7:02 AM
To: Thomas Moser <tmoser@garcosheriff.com>
Cc: Sheriff Patrol <SheriffPatrol@garcosheriff.com>; Investigations <Investigations@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: Re: Suspect Michael Young in the Glenwood Area



Thanks,

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On Sep 20, 2023, at 1:16 AM, Thomas Moser <tmoser@garcosheriff.com> wrote:

Hello All,
I'm sure many of you are aware but Glenwood Springs PD has been chasing a Michael Young DOB 11/1/1986 all over Glenwood lately. SPEAR assisted in chasing him on Bong Hill today as well. Officer Felipe Gomez ended up blowing out his knee in the process so Michael is a real problem. Later on in the evening GSPD responded to Kum and Go east for a suspicious. They contacted Martha Farr DOB: 1/20/1981, who it sounds like is Michael's girlfriend. Martha reported that Michael had assaulted her on bong hill somewhere, possibly in county or possibly in city. Either way Glenwood went ahead and took the case. They have submitted a felony warrant for assault (SBI) and felony menacing among other things. Martha had significant facial injuries and broken ribs. Sgt. Dietrich passed on that Michael has been making comments that LE will have to kill him to get him in custody. He is known to carry several knives and said he will charge LE if contacted in order to force an OIS. If helping Glenwood, or if you happen to see him, he will absolutely run from you and if cornered may escalate the situation. Use caution and call for backup. There is only one photo I am finding in New World for him but maybe someone with more sleep than I have had can find more? I have attached the one photo I could find. Stay Frosty!

Thomas Moser | Patrol/K9 Sergeant
K9 Rex
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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 5:10 PM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: SPEAR Meeting

Hi Lou,
I think I can make the board meeting but will have to leave early. In case I don't make it, are you OK with Bill K. speaking on our behalf?
JD

-----Original Message-----
From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 4:33 PM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; cburrows@newcastlecolorado.org; mkite@townofsilt.org; Jeff Cheney <jcheney@9daco.org>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Steven Knight <Steven.L.Knight@dea.gov>; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Leonard Haran <leonard.haran@ice.dhs.gov>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>
Cc: Maira Contreras <mcontreras@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: SPEAR Meeting

Folks,

We are having our monthly SPEAR meeting this Thursday 9/21, noon at the SPEAR office in Rifle. It's the old NAPA building to the south of the fairgrounds.

See you there!

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:36 AM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: SPEAR Op canceled

We have struggled with this for awhile now, it is very frustrating – the new California?

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 9:05 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Gary Tillotson <gary.tillotson@cogs.us>; Leif Sackett <leif.sackett@crfr.us>
Subject: Fwd: SPEAR Op canceled

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Gotta love the worthless judicial system…..

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** September 11, 2023 at 8:20:32 PM MDT
> **To:** Kurt Conrad <kconrad@garcosheriff.com>, Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>, Jesse Burris <jwburris@garcosheriff.com>
> **Cc:** Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>, Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>
> **Subject: SPEAR Op canceled**
>
> Brent advised me that he has not been able to get a hold of a judge to review and sign the warrant. The operation is being postponed and we will shoot for another day this week to execute…
>
> Oz
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 12:36 PM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: AHRT Search Warrant Request FW: 33 Silverton Pl SW, Christopher Van Valkenberg

Sounds good….

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 7:37 AM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Gary Tillotson <gary.tillotson@cogs.us>; Leif Sackett <leif.sackett@crfr.us>
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I gave the thumbs up, pending any concerns from the Board….

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Lou Vallario <lvallario@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** September 11, 2023 at 7:35:15 AM MDT
> **To:** Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
> **Cc:** Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>
> **Subject: Re: AHRT Search Warrant Request FW: 33 Silverton Pl SW, Christopher Van Valkenberg**
>
> Let's move forward. I'll contact the board.
>
> Lou Vallario
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>
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It sounds like the CI has informed them that Christopher has just returned back to our area with another load of dope. I spoke to Brent last night and they are sending the search warrant to the judge this morning for review. AHRT will likely be executing the warrant either Tuesday of Thursday morning if your still good with the op and the judge approves the warrant.

Thanks
Oz

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 6:17 PM
To: Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
Cc: Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: Re: AHRT Search Warrant Request FW: 33 Silverton Pl SW, Christopher Van Valkenberg

Ok. So far, so good….

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> On Sep 7, 2023, at 2:50 PM, Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com> wrote:
>
> Sire please see the below email from Sergeant Baker. I spoke with Brent today and SPEAR is requesting for AHRT to assist with the search warrant of the residence when it is approved by the judge. I think it is an appropriate use of the team concerning the suspects background. If the judge approves the after-hours execution, we would plan on a knock and announce/surround and callout execution during the early morning hours. Please let me know if you are good with using the team for this operation and I will keep you posted on the search warrant and timetable on when we would plan to execute it.
>
> Thanks
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Brent Baker <BBaker@garcosheriff.com>
> **Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:04 PM
> **To:** Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
> **Cc:** Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; Kurt Conrad <KConrad@garcosheriff.com>
> **Subject:** 33 Silverton Pl SW, Christopher Van Valkenberg

Oz per your request,

We currently have a search warrant drafted for 33 Silverton Pl in Parachute. The suspect is Christopher Van Valkenberg DOB 04-09-1979. We have conducted two controlled purchases with him. The first for methamphetamine and a rifle. The second was for fentanyl.

One of our CI's has confirmed that he has at least two handguns in the house, one of which we have confirmed as stolen.

Chris Van Valkenberg has an extensive criminal history including;

Felony Assault in Texas
1st and 2nd degree burglary
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree assault
Possession of a weapon by previous offender
Multiple drug charges
Felony theft
Most recently a 2nd degree assault strangulation that occurred 12-24-22.

The assistant US attorney has agreed to take the case federally.

33 Silverton Pl is 154 yards from Bea Underwood Elementary so we have requested for 24 hour warrant service to avoid executing when kids may be around. He did recently gain custody of his 3 year old daughter so we expect her in the house. We do not expect any dogs. The house is frequented by multiple felons and our recent cartel arrest of Manuela Zapata was staying there before we sent her to federal prison.

We are waiting for the CI to let us know when he re-ups his supply which should be soon, and then we are planning on executing the search warrant.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks

Sergeant Brent Baker
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Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:20 AM
To: Lou Vallario; Joseph Deras; Debra Funston; Leif Sackett
Subject: RE: AHRT Search Warrant Request FW: 33 Silverton Pl SW, Christopher Van Valkenberg

No concerns on my end>
Thanks,

Gary Tillotson
Fire Chief
Glenwood Springs Fire Department
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Cc: Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: Re: AHRT Search Warrant Request FW: 33 Silverton Pl SW, Christopher Van Valkenberg

Ok. So far, so good….

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On Sep 7, 2023, at 2:50 PM, Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com> wrote:

Sire please see the below email from Sergeant Baker. I spoke with Brent today and SPEAR is requesting for AHRT to assist with the search warrant of the residence when it is approved by the judge. I think it is an appropriate use of the team concerning the suspects background. If the judge approves the after-hours execution, we would plan on a knock and announce/surround and callout execution during the early morning hours. Please let me know if you are good with using the team for this operation and I will keep you posted on the search warrant and timetable on when we would plan to execute it.

Thanks

From: Brent Baker <BBaker@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>
Cc: Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; Kurt Conrad <KConrad@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: 33 Silverton Pl SW, Christopher Van Valkenberg

Oz per your request,

We currently have a search warrant drafted for 33 Silverton Pl in Parachute. The suspect is Christopher Van Valkenberg DOB 04-09-1979. We have conducted two controlled purchases with him. The first for methamphetamine and a rifle. The second was for fentanyl.

One of our CI's has confirmed that he has at least two handguns in the house, one of which we have confirmed as stolen.

Chris Van Valkenberg has an extensive criminal history including;

Felony Assault in Texas
1st and 2nd degree burglary
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree assault
Possession of a weapon by previous offender
Multiple drug charges
Felony theft
Most recently a 2nd degree assault strangulation that occurred 12-24-22.

The assistant US attorney has agreed to take the case federally.

33 Silverton Pl is 154 yards from Bea Underwood Elementary so we have requested for 24 hour warrant service to avoid executing when kids may be around. He did recently gain custody of his 3 year old

daughter so we expect her in the house. We do not expect any dogs. The house is frequented by multiple felons and our recent cartel arrest of Manuela Zapata was staying there before we sent her to federal prison.

We are waiting for the CI to let us know when he re-ups his supply which should be soon, and then we are planning on executing the search warrant.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:30 AM
To: Lou Vallario (LVallario@garcosheriff.com); Deb Funston
Subject: Buy funds

Good morning,
We have our $1000. for the buy funds. Lt. Kimminau will connect with Tyler today and let him know we have it in the safe. I am going to have to work on and figure out the 10K which will take a while longer. I would like to understand (a little better) how much the team is doing in the communities which are not part of SPEAR. I am 1000% all about providing aid and assistance at any time. However to go in and handle cases and/or ATL's on a more frequent basis is where I think I need have a better grasp. I would prefer we chat with the three of us at some time in the future??

Thanks,

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 10:11 AM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: 7-19-2023-SPEAR Protecting Communities.doc

Lou,
Looks good to me, thank you for preparing this..Joseph

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 9:42 PM
To: Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; lvallario@garcosheriff.com
Subject: 7-19-2023-SPEAR Protecting Communities.doc

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Thoughts??

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 5:03 PM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: Buy money

OH yea that was it, ok, got it, thanks…

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 4:56 PM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Re: Buy money

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We were going to have a AHRT board meeting after SPEAR, but the fire guys can't make it. So, I'll reschedule……

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> **Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 11:26 AM
> **To:** lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
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Subject: Re: Buy money

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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 1:42 PM
Subject: FREE training

Hi everyone,
We have arranged for some training here in October. We will be bringing another instructor here to provide the training for our staff and regional partners. Sgt. Jeff Roccaforte is a 27 year veteran. He has worked at the Los Angeles Police Dept. (LAPD) and was involved with the North Hollywood shootout (bank robbery) and recognized with awards from the department. If you are too young to know about this, that event is largely the reason we all carry long guns/patrol rifles. Not long after that event, he returned to his home and has worked for a Calif. bay area agency ever since.

https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/from-the-archives-the-1997-north-hollywood-shootout/3103942/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZg4mcYkIwU

He has been a gang/narcotics task force detective then assigned to a regional auto theft task force detail in the Silicon Valley. He has been the case agent in a large scale undercover operation netting nearly 150 felony suspects, the largest criminal street/prison gang indictments in the county's history, served on the SWAT team as an entry team operator, returned to the task force as the unit commander, the patrol watch commander and the head firearms range master.

Thursday October 5th: Mobile and pedestrian surveillance training. This will begin with classroom instruction to understand the terminology, setting up for 'take aways', who is 'point', communication among the staff who are on the surveillance etc. After the classroom piece, this will transition to the field and students will conduct surveillances and change roles to understand your responsibility while conducting a surveillance. During that mobile surveillance the 'suspect' will park and go out on foot and the team will need to transition to a pedestrian surveillance.

Friday October 6th: Red dot sighting system training and certification (pistols): We offered this a few years ago and will bring this back again. Recently two of our staff members purchased a red dot firearm and it took a while for them to receive their guns. If anyone needs to do so, I'd suggest they work on that sooner than later.

If you plan to send anyone to either of these, please RSVP to Sgt. Young at Mike.young@cogs.us or (970) 384-6500. Please note class size is very, very limited and a attendance is based on a first come first served basis. A waiting list may be established to accommodate others in the event of a cancellation.

Hope you are doing well and enjoying the summer,

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Gary Tillotson
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 3:46 PM
To: Lou Vallario; stephensc@garco911.com; Colt Cornelius; Debra Funston; Joseph Deras; Josh Osborne; Leif Sackett
Subject: RE: Meeting

Hi Lou and all,

It turns out that I will not be able to meet on the 20th due to other obligations. I don't expect that you all should reschedule because of me but would suggest that I could be available the following week after com board.

Apologies,

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 9:08 AM
To: stephensc@garco911.com; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Gary Tillotson <gary.tillotson@cogs.us>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>; Leif Sackett <leif.sackett@crfr.us>
Subject: RE: Meeting

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Survey says……July 20th around 2, after the SPEAR meeting. Location will probably be Rifle PD, but I'll confirm.

Thanks!

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Garfield County Sheriff

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 9:19 AM
To: Carl Stephens <stephensc@garco911.com>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Gary Tillotson <gary.tillotson@cogs.us>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>; Leif Sackett <leif.sackett@crfr.us>; Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: Meeting

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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 10:22 AM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: Meeting

The 20th works..JD

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 10:19 AM
To: stephensc@garco911.com; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Gary Tillotson <gary.tillotson@cogs.us>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>; Leif Sackett <leif.sackett@crfr.us>; lvallario@garcosheriff.com
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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 9:51 AM
To: Lou Vallario; lvallario@garcosheriff.com
Cc: Debra Funston; Jeff Cheney; Mike Tyler
Subject: RE: June Meeting

All,
Sorry I didn't chime in earlier – I was out of the office. See you in July, Joseph

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 5:07 PM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com
Cc: Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Jeff Cheney <jcheney@9daco.org>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
Subject: Re: June Meeting

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It's official….we're canceling this month's meeting. See you in July!

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> Board,
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> I will be out of town this Thursday during our monthly SPEAR meeting. We have some options:
> 1. Do we have matters that we need to address?
> 2. Can we cancel?
> 3. Can we re-schedule for Wednesday instead of Thursday?
> 4. Have the meeting without me.
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> Let me know…….
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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:55 AM
To: Lou Vallario; Debra Funston
Subject: RE: GSPI Interview

Good morning,
That works for me.. 😊
Joseph

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:24 AM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>
Subject: GSPI Interview

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My Fellow Crime Fighters,

Cassandra from the GSPI has been wanting to do a story on SPEAR. I told her if you are interested, we could do 11-11:30 on Thursday, prior to our meeting. If not, I'll handle it.

Also, because I have another commitment Thursday at 1ish, I would like to host the meeting at the GCSO.

Please let me know. Standing by……..

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 10:34 AM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: Elected Os in County Pages

Looks good, thanks for submitting this… 😊

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2023 11:24 AM
To: lvallario@garcosheriff.com; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Steven Knight <Steven.L.Knight@dea.gov>; Leonard Haran <leonard.haran@ice.dhs.gov>; Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>; Jeff Cheney <jcheney@9daco.org>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>
Cc: Patrol Supervisors <PatrolSupervisors@garcosheriff.com>
Subject: Fwd: Elected Os in County Pages

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FYI, I just submitted this to the county for their monthly news letter, “County Pages”.

Introducing SPEAR! The Special Problem Enforcement and Response Team! You may have heard me talk about this team, but it recently became a reality. As you know, we have had our drug task force, TRIDENT, for many years. In fact, it was the longest running drug task force in the state. We also had TAG, our Threat Assessment Group that focused on gang activity in the region.

Of course as time passes, so do the rules of the game and with the permissiveness and acceptance of drug usage in our state, drug enforcement has changed. However, we still know that probably 80% of crimes committed are either direct drug crimes or related to the illegal drug industry. So, the Police Chiefs in Garfield County, our Federal law enforcement partners and I decided to rethink our focus and combined our specially trained officers and deputies to focus on the crimes being committed “because” of drugs, gangs and other influences. In other words, cut off the head of the snake and investigate crimes that feed those problems in our communities.

SPEAR is a major crimes unit comprised of the GCSO, Glenwood Springs and Rifle Police departments, DEA, Homeland Security, the US Marshals Service and a dedicated Deputy District Attorney. It’s mission is to assist all of our local law enforcement agencies with major crime investigations since none of us have the ability to handle this type of investigation solely within our organizations. Their cases are based on “Intelligence Lead Policing” where our SPEAR Analyst compiles data received from the local crime fighters, crunches the data and if the criminal, the crime or the location hit the top tier of the list, they get the full attention of SPEAR!

Since the two groups officially came together in January, 2023, they have hit the ground running. In the first two months (January and February) they have initiated 17 cases, made 20 arrests, seized 10 stolen firearms, recovered 9 stolen vehicles and seized over 2200 fentanyl pills along with additional drugs. Even though Garfield County is a safe place to live, SPEAR is making it even safer and the bottom line is, if you’re committing major crimes in Garfield County, SPEAR is coming for you!

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Bill Kimminau
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 8:33 AM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: 2024 rebuttal opportunity

Agree.

Bill

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 9:41 PM
To: Bill Kimminau <bill.kimminau@cogs.us>
Cc: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Re: 2024 rebuttal opportunity

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I agree that it looks consistent with the other task forces. Paying for the vehicles is the big concern. Since they didn't touch that, I don't see the need for rebuttal.

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On Mar 16, 2023, at 4:00 PM, Bill Kimminau <bill.kimminau@cogs.us> wrote:

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Subject: FW: 2024 rebuttal opportunity

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From: Penny Sedam <psedam@rmhidta.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 11:30 AM
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Cc: mtyler@tridentnarc.org
Subject: 2024 rebuttal opportunity

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Penny Sedam

Rocky Mountain HIDTA

Financial Manager

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Lieutenant Bill Kimminau

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From: Bill Kimminau
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Joseph Deras; Lou Vallario (lvallario@garcosheriff.com)
Subject: FW: 2024 rebuttal opportunity
Attachments: TRIDENT HIDTA recommendation.pdf

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Ryan M. Muse

From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: SPEAR Board Business Meetings

That works for me...JD

-----Original Message-----
From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 12:08 PM
To: Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Steven Knight <Steven.L.Knight@dea.gov>; Leonard Haran <leonard.haran@ice.dhs.gov>; Mike Tyler <mtyler@rifleco.org>
Subject: SPEAR Board Business Meetings

Folks,

By assigning participants in SPEAR, you are voting board members. As you know, we have monthly meetings that include all of the LE agencies. I think that's a valuable process and want to continue that.

However, since only certain members can vote on financial issues or address SPEAR needs, I am proposing that we have a voting member business meeting prior to our regularly scheduled meetings. I think 1/2 hour earlier should do it. We can try it and see if we need to adjust.

So, do you want to meet at 11:30 on the 16th, prior to our larger meeting?

I think we decided we would meet at Rifle PD, but I don't remember! Can someone clarify that?

Thanks.

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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 3:27 PM
To: Joseph Deras
Subject: FW: Agenda
Attachments: SPEAR agenda Feb 2023.docx

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 8:40 AM
To: Bill Kimminau <bill.kimminau@cogs.us>; Chuck Burrows <cburrows@newcastlecolorado.org>; Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; jared.rapp@state.co.us; Jeff Cheney <jcheney@9daco.org>; Jeremy Maple <Jeremy.S.Maple@ice.dhs.gov>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>; kwilson@carbondaleco.net; Leonard Haran <leonard.haran@ice.dhs.gov>; lvallario@garcosheriff.com; mkite@townofsilt.org; mtyler@tridentnarc.org; sstewart@parachutecolorado.com; Steven Knight <Steven.L.Knight@dea.gov>
Subject: Agenda

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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 10:50 AM
To: Lou Vallario
Subject: RE: Response Request

Sounds good 😊

From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 10:37 AM
To: Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>; Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>; Gary Tillotson <gary.tillotson@cogs.us>; Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>; Josh Osborne <josborne@garcosheriff.com>; Leif Sackett <leif.sackett@crfr.us>
Subject: Response Request

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Board,

Silt PD has requested AHRT to assist them with the execution of several arrest warrants and a search warrant.

The original case was a Felony Menacing with a gun, but SPEAR became involved due to the number of bad guys, felonies, weapons, etc.

I authorized the mission, pending any dissent. It is scheduled for Thursday morning at zero-dark-thirty.

Thanks.

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From: Joseph Deras
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Lou Vallario
Cc: Josh Craine ; mtyler@tridentnarc.org
Subject: RE: SPEAR Op

Lou,
This is excellent police work. Congrats to the team. I love hearing about these type of cases. Thank you for the info…Joseph

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From: Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Joseph Deras <joseph.deras@cogs.us>
Subject: Fwd: SPEAR Op

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FYI, good SPEAR hit! I used to live near this location south of Silt and the neighbors have been calling me with their concerns.

The Hills are a long time ranching family and good people, but one of their sons went rogue years ago and is behind a lot of this.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Josh Craine <jcraine@garcosheriff.com>
> **Date:** January 20, 2023 at 8:32:42 AM MST
> **To:** Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com>, Debra Funston <dfunston@rifleco.org>
> **Cc:** Colt Cornelius <ccornelius@garcosheriff.com>, Mike Tyler <mtyler@tridentnarc.org>
> **Subject: SPEAR Op**
>
> All,
>
> Yesterday SPEAR assisted Rifle PD with executing a search warrant at the Hill property, (out in the county just off Jenkins Cutoff), for the recovery of a stolen vehicle that RPD had taken the initial report on. This property is fairly notorious for drug trafficking, fugitives, stolen property, guns, and other general criminal activity. After the initial warrant was executed SPEAR was able to obtain a follow up search warrant for the property and ended the day with seizing about 5

pounds of meth, several pounds of weed, other miscellaneous drugs, several guns, four stolen vehicles, and 6 suspects in custody.

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Request for Records

Please complete form with as much known information as possible. Incomplete information may be insufficient for a successful retrieval of the requested incident or case report.
Retrieval, redaction and research fees may apply and must be paid before requested report will be released.

Date of Request September 11, 2025 GCSO Report # _____ Date of Incident_____

Nature of Incident_____ Location of Incident_____

Person(s) named in Report_____ DOB(s)_____

Requestor's Name(Print) Claire Noone DOB 09/23/1988 Relationship_____

Phone 970-309-4886 Fax 970-945-5570 E-mail noonecm@gmail.com

Documents Requested See Attached Booking photo [ ] Booking Sheet [ ]

Type of Response Requested [X] E-mail [ ] Fax [ ] Pick-up [ ] Mail

24-72-305.5 Access to records – denial by custodian – use of records to obtain information for solicitation. (1), Records of official actions and criminal justice records and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and other information in such records shall not be used by any person for the purpose of soliciting business for pecuniary gain. The official custodian shall deny any person access to records of official actions and criminal justice records unless such person signs a statement which affirms that such records shall not be used for the direct solicitation of business for pecuniary gain.
(2)(II)(b)… By signing the statement, the person is affirming that the booking photograph will not be placed in a publication or posted to a web site that requires the payment of a fee or other exchange for pecuniary gain in order to remove or delete the booking photograph from the publication or web site.

24-72-309 Violation – penalty. Any person who willfully and knowingly violates the provisions of this part 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

By signing this form I affirm that I have read and will comply with the above referenced Colorado Revised Statutes. If requesting a booking photo, I affirm that I will not place the booking photo in any publication or on a website that requires a fee or other exchange for pecuniary gain in order to remove or delete the booking photo from such publication or website.

Requestor's Signature Claire Noone Date 9/11/2025

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Denial of Inspection: ( ) Contrary to State Statute
( ) Contrary to Order
( ) Contrary to Public Interest
( ) _____
Request fulfilled ( )

Advised of report status: Date:_____ By: [ ] phone [ ] fax [ ] e-mail [ ] in person
[ ] voicemail

Released by: _____ Date:_____

Exhibit A:
DOCUMENTS REQUETED

I request for access to and copies of records related to the Garfield County Special Problem Enforcement and Response (SPEAR) Task Force, as referenced in the SPEAR Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated July 17, 2025.Specifically, I request the following records and documents, to the extent they exist and are not otherwise exempt from disclosure:

1. Policies and procedures for the SPEAR task force, and all member agencies that are required to comply with Colorado SB276, including instructions for handling requests for personal identifying information from federal authorities and access to non-public areas of their premises.
2. All records of arrests involving SPEAR from 2022 to present, all records of, detainers, and transfers of custody to ICE, ERO, or HSI from, including but not limited to arrest logs, detainer forms (I-247), release notifications, and any correspondence with federal immigration authorities.
3. All records, reports, meeting minutes, correspondence, assignment orders, or other documents reflecting or evidencing assistance provided by SPEAR and its participating member agencies] to federal agencies, including but not limited to the Drug Enforcement Administration and Homeland Security Investigations. This includes records of joint operations, requests for assistance, personnel assignments, and any reports or communications documenting such assistance.
4. All records of members of the taskforce, including the members of the Governing Board, the Chief Executive Officer, staff members, administrators, Board Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary, Financial Officer, Task Force Commander, Project Director and Prosecutor, Task Force Officers and analysts.
5. Policies and Procedures
    a. All current and prior versions of policies and procedures promulgated by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office and/or SPEAR governing the operation of the Task Force.
    b. Any documents reflecting compliance with U.S. Department of Justice Systems Operating Policies, 28 CFR Part 23.
6. Operational Guidelines Manual
    a. The current Operational Guidelines Manual and any prior versions
7. Intelligence System Documentation
    a. Copies of any intelligence files, bulletins, or related records maintained in accordance with the MOU and Colorado Record Retention Laws.
    b. Any policies or procedures regarding the dissemination of intelligence bulletins or information.
8. Intelligence System Software and Technology

    a. Records identifying the software, platforms, or databases used for the collection, storage, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence and information by the SPEAR Task Force.
    b. Contracts, purchase orders, or license agreements for any intelligence system software or related technology.
9. Data Storage and Management
    a. Policies, procedures, or manuals governing the storage, retention, and deletion of intelligence data, including compliance with Colorado Record Retention Laws and 28 CFR Part 23.
    b. Records describing the physical or cloud-based locations where intelligence data is stored.
    c. Any data security or access control policies applicable to the intelligence system.
10. Data Use and Sharing
    a. Policies or procedures regarding the use, sharing, or dissemination of intelligence data among participating agencies or with external entities, including federal agencies.
    b. Logs or records of data access, sharing, or dissemination events, if maintained.
11. Audits and Oversight
    a. Records of any audits, reviews, or assessments of the intelligence system, data storage, or data use practices.
    b. Reports or findings from any oversight body or internal review regarding the intelligence system.
12. Training and User Access
    a. Training materials or user manuals provided to Task Force personnel including those regarding the use of the intelligence system.
    b. Records identifying individuals or positions with authorized access to the intelligence system.
13. Meeting Records
    a. Minutes of all Governing Board meetings, including any written consents, voting records, or electronic voting documentation
14. Reports
    a. All statistical reports, arrest data, seizure data, and other reports, including those prepared for the Division of Criminal Justice or other oversight and funding entities, and those required by the MOU.
    b. Any standardized report formats approved by the Task Force Commander.
15. Personnel Records
    a. Resumes and application materials submitted for Task Force Officer selection, redacted as necessary to protect personal privacy.

    b. Disciplinary reports or written reports prepared by the Task Force Commander in connection with any suspension or removal proceedings.
16. Equipment and Property Records
    a. The current property inventory and any related records tracking equipment and property acquired for Task Force use.
17. Insurance Documentation
    a. Proof of general liability and police professional liability coverage maintained by each participating agency as required by the MOU.
18. Notices
    a. Copies of any written notices, including those issued pursuant to Section 10.6 of the MOU.
19. Modification and Execution Instruments
    a. Any written modifications or amendments to the MOU.
    b. Counterpart signature pages evidencing execution of the MOU by participating agencies.

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

February 16th, 2023

Location: GCSO

Attend:

Minutes:

$$$: Fed: $ Trident: $ State: $ Evidence: $

Old Business:

We are 100% at the new office working out the bugs (like heat and 220 outlets), but everything is moving along.

Body Cams: Discussion on Axon as the overall standard BWC for SPEAR. Basically so that the recordings (digital evidence) will all be kept in one location rather than 2 or 3.

UPDATE:
Oz with be getting with us to train us up

New Business:

Travis with GSPD has come back to the team.

Wes Stokes will be assigned as our point of contact with the DA's Office. This should definitely help with the flow of our case work. He has already been doing a really good job of communication!

We met with Silt PD to show off the website and the direction the team is running.

Tony will be off for a while on FMLA with a new baby girl.

We have closed our PO Box and have opened a relay at the annex for what little mail we get.

Micro Solutions contract should be done at the end of this month, we are using GCSO IT for assistance. We will start using our parent agency email address going forward.

LT and I worked through the 2024 budget request from HIDTA, looks good

Brent (all of us) would like to know about swag, shirts, hats, coins etc

Masks and Redaction

Case updates:

Just an FYI, we have started tracking a DTO in the Parachute/Battlement area. To date we can tie approx. 22 people into it. We have made a few arrests already for a number of violations. We will be putting up a pole cam possible by the end of the week. The feeling I get is that we hit the dopers in the Rifle area hard last year and it has displaced them to some degree.

UPDATE: We put the pole cam up and it has paid off.

21-064 : On 02/07/23 Investigators contacted a vehicle outside of Glenwood Springs involved in an ongoing investigation of 103 Cardinal Way, Parachute, CO. John McConn was contacted and arrested for a $50,000.00 Garfield County nationwide felony warrant for failure to appear on distribution of narcotics. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and over a 1000 fentanyl pills were located along with 99 grams of methamphetamine.

21-042: On 01/27/23 SPEAR Investigators contacted a stolen vehicle at MM 94 on I-70. The driver was arrested and found to be in possession of narcotics. The passenger was released without charges.

21-041: On January 25, 2023 at approximately 0710 hours, Detective Foreman with the Rifle Police Department located a stolen vehicle located at 415 W. 26th St. Rifle, CO. This vehicle was associated to a GCSO case involving two unknown parties and a burglary where one of the males was observed walking around with an AR style rifle. A number of search warrants were obtained and ultimately Chris Brown was arrested on numerous outstanding arrest warrants along with Rebecca Raifsnyder. Through interviews Brown admitted he was the person in the video of the burg hold the rifle. We recovered 3 firearms along with 2 stolen vehicles and approx. 1 oz of meth.

21-037: On January 19th, Rifle Officers obtained a search warrant for the Hill property south of Silt to recover a stolen vehicle. SPEAR along with additional investigators accompanied RPD. Long story short, we were able to make contact at the property with numerous people and intimately arrest 6, mostly with outstanding AW's. We recovered a total of 3 stolen vehicles and 3 stolen motorcycles, 4 firearms and approx. 1 lb of meth.

Prosecution:

Partner Agencies:

Next Meeting: March 16, 2023 GSPD

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

May 15th, 2025

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

$$$: Fed: $ SPEAR: $ State: $ Evidence: $

New Business:

We have taken down the wire, more will be covered in Case Update.

Jared has promoted to Corporal and will be heading back to the SO. Jared will have been with SPEAR/TRIDENT for 9 years with the majority being a DEA TFO. With that being said, Matt will be stepping up to the DEA TFO spot and Nate will be taking over Matt's evidence custodian role. Mulkey will slide over to the now open UC position leaving the open SO vacancy in the simi-marked role. This should make whoever fills that spot an easier transition.

We had a mobile shedder come by the office on the 8th. We were able to shred roughly 15-20 years of old TRIDENT cases, as well as some intel files that should have been also shredded a couple years back.

When would the SO like to look at returning the lease vehicles that were leased through Utah? Matt's is currently at 1 ½ yrs and Jared's is closer to 1 yr.

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

We have started our paperwork for the 2026 RMHIDTA budget. **UPDATE:** It looks like SPEAR will continue to receive RMHIDTA funding, we have been given the thumbs up for roughly $51,000 to help and cover costs. **UPDATE:** Still looking good for funding

TFO's Mulkey, Lara and Lagiglia have been assisting GCSO covering shifts on the weekends due to shift shortage. **UPDATE:** The troops are still doing this but it has slowed down some as new Deputies come on board.

Look into assistance with $ or staffing to help with running the TF **UPDATE:** Silt PD has been able to help, thank you again!

US Marshals deputization and where it's at, *it's moving forward slowly but surely*. **UPDATE:** Still moving slowly.

Connecteam website is still being worked on. As of 5-2-25, we have the subscription for the year paid. So now we just have to start learning it so we can push it out to the troops on the street.

Case updates:

TF-24-659 WIRE CASE (numerous other cases were pulled that are/will be rolled into this one)

Title: Seven Arrested as Part of a Drug Trafficking Organization

IMPORTANT: Please direct any media requests to the contact above. Do not contact the Garfield County Emergency Communications Center or Patrol staff for media requests.

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO. –

Sindy Vazquez Martinez and Osbaldo Ramirez-Andrade operated a Drug Trafficking Organization that distributed methamphetamine and additional illegal drugs from Frisco to Rifle, CO. They routinely used their residence in Glenwood Springs, located 185 yards from the front door of the Glenwood Springs Middle School and approximately 60 yards from school property, as a base to distribute illegal drugs.

SPEAR and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) have conducted a long-term investigation, since January of 2023, into the Drug Trafficking Organization operated by Martinez and Ramirez-Andrade.

Through diligent police work and coordinated efforts of local and federal enforcement agencies; on the evening and early morning hours of April 27 & April 28, 2025: SPEAR, DEA, HSI (Homeland Security Investigations) and the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, arrested three individuals on outstanding felony warrants for drug related charges.

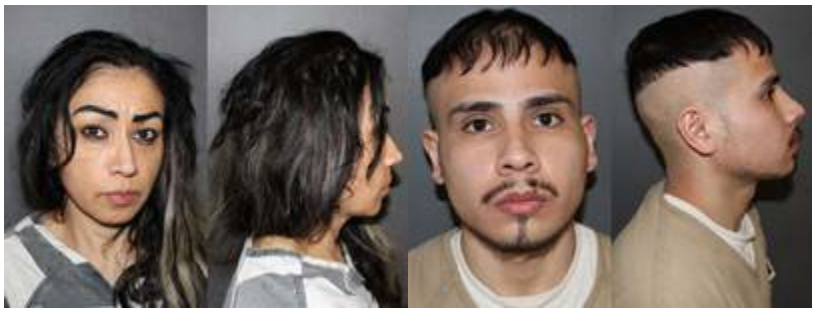
April 29, 2025, SPEAR arrested an additional individual for an outstanding felony warrant and on charges related to this investigation. That same day, SPEAR, DEA, HIS and ERO (Enforcement Removal Operations) conducted search warrants in Glenwood Springs and in Rifle related to this investigation.

This investigation has led to the seizure of the following illegal drugs:

- Approximately 4 pounds of Methamphetamine
- Approximately 3 ounces of Cocaine
- Approximately 9.5 pounds of Fentanyl Powder
- Approximately 220 Fentanyl Pills
- 1 Firearm

To date seven suspects have been arrested on charges tied to this long-term investigation:

1. Sindy Liliana Vazquez Martinez, DOB: 02/05/1981 (44 YO Female)
2. Osbaldo Ramirez Andrade, DOB: 04/13/2001 (24 YO Male)
3. Henry Trujillo Benites, DOB: 01/11/1983 (42 YO Male)
4. Julian Cruz Carrazco, DOB: 02/21/1997 (28 YO Male)
5. Jose Manuel Romo Gallegos, DOB: 05/02/1985 (39 YO Male)
6. Cordelia Suazo Reed, DOB: 06/18/1964 (60 YO Female)
7. Juan Alberto Guevara-Regalado, DOB: 09/04/1985 (39 YO Male)





Sindy Liliana Vazquez Martinez Osbaldo Ramirez Andrade Henry Trujillo Benites









Julian Cruz Carrazco Jose Manuel Romo Gallegos Cordelia Suazo Reed Juan Alberto Guevara-Regalado

The suspects have been charged with a number of criminal offenses including:

- Conspiracy to possess, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute controlled substances – more than 225 grams, Drug Felony 1
- Possession with intent to distribute more than 112 grams of methamphetamine – Drug Felony 1
- Unlawful distribution of more than 14 grams of methamphetamine – Drug Felony 2
- Unlawful distribution of more than 4 grams of Fentanyl – Drug Felony 2
- Unlawful possession of more than 4 grams of methamphetamine – Drug Felony 4
- Special Offender – Drug Felony 1
- Forgery – Felony 5
- Criminal possession of two or more blank financial transaction devices – Felony 5
- Criminal possession of a financial device, more than three & two different accounts – Felony 5

This continues to be an active and on-going investigation.

TF25-171
On March 12, 2025 TFO's responded to 138 N. 7th St. in the Town of New Castle for an active domestic. While in route, dispatch aired the suspect had fired multiple rounds at the victim and a neighbor from a long gun. Arriving on scene, neighbors took suspect to the ground where Silt PD, was able to apprehend him. TFO's cleared the residence and stayed and helped NCPD processing the scene.

TF25-200
On March 21, 2025 SPEAR TFOs conducted a traffic stop on a black GMC Yukon at the intersection of USHY 6 and County Rd 210 outside the City of Rifle. During he traffic stop a K9 free air sniff was conducted which led to probable cause search of the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle a plastic bag containing cocaine, and other drug distribution related paraphernalia were located. The driver, Rodrigo Serna Martinez (DOB: 07/03/1997), was arrested. During a search incident to arrest of Rodrigo's person, a second bag of cocaine was located in his boot. Rodrigo was transported to the Garfield County Jail.

TF25-249
On 4-16-25, SPEAR again assisted CSP with the on-going stolen vehicle case that ties to Utah. We conducted a high risk stop on 4 suspects as they arrived back into the Rifle area after they made another theft run the Utah. We assisted in recovering 2 stolen trucks, 2 stolen trailers and 3 side-by-sides.
The following four suspects were arrested and transported to the Garfield County Jail:

1. Luis Leiva Arizmendiz DOB 2/8/05 (20 YO Male)
2. Nerio Estrada Soto DOB 09/15/2005 (19 YO Male)
3. Roberto Soto Cruz DOB 12/3/1989 (35 YO Male)
4. Lorena Mendoza Soto DOB 8/22/1995 (29 YO Female)

In addition SPEAR continues to go after numerous arrest warrants and assist patrol on higher level calls.

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Round the Room:

Next Meeting: July 17th, 2025

SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

September 18, 2025

Location: SPEAR Office located at 949 Railroad Ave in Rifle

Attend:

Minutes:

$$$: Fed: $ SPEAR: $ State: $ Evidence: $

New Business:

Vinny had a little boy so he will be in and out for a bit.

The HAMC are planning a get together in Glenwood Sept 26th through the 28th.

Justin Raulerson was indicted by the DEA on all/some of his misbehaviors. With that being said, he was out on parole within a couple of days. On the 9th we contacted him with a knife on his waist and spoke to Megan his Fed parole officer, and we are waiting to see if she is going to do anything about it.

Chris (DHS) was granted 2 more years to run with us. Also DHS will be getting a new RAC Oct 22nd.

CORA Request

And of course, any business the board would like to go over.

Old Business:

Just a reminder, we have used up the RMHIDTA OT for the year, the wire pretty much killed it off

Mulkey, Nate and I have been named in a civil lawsuit for an incident 1 year ago. Details can be discussed at the board meeting. **UPDATE:** Our attorneys have filed to dismiss, we haven't heard back as of yet……still waiting

Routte County SO is requesting assistance with a new Chapter of the Pagens OMG Aug 16th. One of the Deputies had reached out a couple weeks back looking for guidance on how they could prepare. **UPDATE:** A group of us did make it up to assist, the turnout from Pagen's MC was down as far as the numbers. We had a couple of arrests "warrants" but that's about it. They were all carrying some type of

weapon when contacted. A thing to note, Mongols MC have reopened their chapter in GJ, let's see how this plays out.

When would the SO like to look at returning the lease vehicles that were leased through Utah? Matt's is currently at 1 ½ yrs and Jared's is closer to 1 yr. **UPDATE**: Cathy and I have been in talks with Utah and Denver, and things are being slowly worked out.

US Marshals deputization and where it's at, *it's moving forward slowly but surely*. **UPDATE:** Still moving slowly. **UPDATE:** Looks like Mulkey and Lara will get theirs at least. **UPDATE:** They were finally sworn in.

Case updates:

TF25-445

July, 2025, SPEAR was in the area of the 110 WB on I-70. TFO's noticed a gray Subaru driving extremely erratic and almost caused numerous wrecks. When we were able to get the vehicle stopped, Braden Echelberger was eventually arrested for DUID. He had admitted to making and smoking Crack. We were able to locate a small amount of additional Crack Cocaine in his vehicle.

TF25-449

July, 2025 SPEAR assisted Silt PD with an assault case, stopping two vehicles in the Town of Silt. Fredy Herrera-Rodriguez, and Saul HERRERA URTUZUASTIGUE were taken into custody on outstanding warrants. A probable cause search of one of the vehicles, a Ford F150 and its driver resulted in the discovery of small amount of cocaine. Jose Orrente-Espino DOB 07/07/2000 was arrested for traffic violations and possession of a controlled substance.

TF25-453

We are currently working into Isaac Brehm. We have so far purchased approx. 57.16 grams TGW of Meth from him, this case is on-going.

TF25-463

End of July, TFO's conducted a traffic stop on Jacey Ward at Silt Island Park and located fentanyl (1.48 grams TGW approx. 15pills), methamphetamine (3.6 grams TGW), and cocaine (.56 grams TGW) during a probable cause search of the vehicle.

TF25-465

On July 31, 2025 SPEAR TFO's contacted and arrested Nicole Stapleton for multiple outstanding felony warrants at the Comfort Inn in Rifle.

TF25-469

August, 2025 SPEAR TFO's responded to a traffic stop, initiated by GCSO Deputies at I-70 exit 109. The driver of the vehicle had been identified as Isaac Brehm, who is known to SPEAR TFO's as an illegal drug distributor to customers within Garfield County.

A probable cause search pursuant to the motor vehicle exception for a search warrant of the vehicle, a Dodge Ram 1500 bearing plate CUH-J19. Two baggies of crystalline substance, suspected to be methamphetamine (36.81 grams TGW) were located and found inside the vehicle. Drug paraphernalia, a package of plastic baggies, and a digital scale were also located.

Isaac was taken into custody and housed at the Garfield County Jail.

TF25-477

August, 2025 SPEAR TFO's assisted DEA Special Agents with the apprehension of an individual later identified as Justin Raulerson, in connection with a federal warrant issued by the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. The charges included conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl.

SPEAR continues to go after numerous arrest warrants and assist patrol on higher level calls.

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Prosecution:

Next Meeting:

Garfield County Special Problem Enforcement and Response
SPEAR
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
July 17, 2025

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PREAMBLE

- In an effort to utilize pooled intelligence and information for the purpose of combating criminal activity and criminal enterprises whether active, proactive or anticipatory in nature, the Garfield County Special Problems Enforcement and Response Task Force ("SPEAR") is formed. Agencies participating in this project recognize that identifying criminal activity as well as individuals or groups responsible for said activity is of paramount importance to the communities and detentions facilities throughout every jurisdiction. Through united efforts, information and intelligence resources will be better utilized and investigative efforts will be more fruitful on behalf of the communities served by these agencies. The participating agencies are committed to cooperative efforts and information sharing through their participation with SPEAR. SPEAR will be used to help in the identification, investigation and prosecution of individuals and groups involved with criminal activity and criminal enterprises. The purpose of SPEAR is to unite participating agencies into a cohesive, coordinated effort to eradicate criminal activity through a multi-jurisdictional unit and information/intelligence network.

MISSION STATEMENT

- The mission of SPEAR is to eradicate major crimes within Garfield County, using a multi-jurisdictional approach to relentlessly pursue, arrest, and prosecute those responsible.

SECTION 1. TASK FORCE GOVERNING BOARD

1.1 GOVERNING BOARD: SPEAR will have a Governing Board consisting of the Chief Executive Officer of each participating agency, plus such other members approved by the Governing Board.

1.2 MEETINGS: The Governing Board shall meet monthly, or as determined necessary by the Board. The meetings shall be held at various places selected by the Board.

1.3 QUORUM: A majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Members of the Board may send a member of their staff to be present in lieu of the actual board member, and such alternate shall have full voting privileges.

1.4 VOTING: Action of the Board shall be by simple majority, and shall occur at a meeting, or through electronic voting. Presence at a meeting and participation as a part of a quorum is allowed through electronic or voice-conferencing. The Board may act without a meeting by unanimous written consent.

1.5 FOCUS OF THE BOARD: The Governing Board will generally focus in the following areas:

- The Governing Board will utilize pooled intelligence resources of all the participating entities to prioritize and to mutually decide upon priorities of the Task Force.
- The Governing Board will address any issues of mutual concern to the participants of the Task Force. This may include any major issues that will impact other members of the Task Force such as budget matters, matters of policy and procedure and other matters of mutual concern.
- Annually, the Governing Board will mutually agree upon project goals and objectives for the coming year.
- The Governing Board will resolve any interagency conflicts that may arise during the duration of this project.

SECTION 2. BOARD OFFICERS, PROJECT DIRECTOR, PROSECUTOR AND TASK FORCE OFFICERS

2.1 BOARD OFFICERS. The Board shall elect several Board Officers including: Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary, Financial Officer and Task Force Commander. Board Officers shall be elected annually at the January meeting.

2.1.1 CHAIRPERSON. The Chairperson of the Board shall call all Board meetings to order and shall be generally responsible for the conduct of Board meetings. The Chairperson may assume any other duties and powers approved by the Board.

2.1.2 CO-CHAIRPERSON. The Co-Chairperson shall assume the duties and authority of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

2.1.3 SECRETARY. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking and keeping Minutes of the Board. The Secretary shall also be responsible for keeping an original signed version of this Memorandum and may assume other duties approved by the Board.

2.1.4 FINANCIAL OFFICER. The Financial Officer shall track financial assets and accounts generated by operation of the Task Force.

2.1.5 TASK FORCE COMMANDER. The Task Force Commander will oversee and command the operation of the Task Force on a daily basis. The Task Force Commander may make operational and administrative decisions which are necessary for the routine operation of the Task Force. When it is impractical to consult the Governing Board, the Task Force Commander will make decisions of a larger scale needing immediate action. When such a situation arises, the Task Force Commander shall report those decisions to the Governing Board as soon as possible.

2.2 PROJECT DIRECTORS. The Governing Board shall appoint the Project Director, who shall be responsible for filing required reports required by funding entities and oversight agencies.

2.3 PROSECUTOR. The District Attorney for the Ninth Judicial District shall assign a Prosecutor for purposes of administering the prosecution of all SPEAR felony arrests and providing legal advice to the Task Force and Board. The Governing Board may appoint the SPEAR prosecutor as Project Director.

2.4 TASK FORCE OFFICERS. The officers assigned to the Task Force will be used primarily for Task Force investigations and other duties as assigned by their individual Department Chief Executive Officers and the Task Force Commander. The Task Force Officers will work out of the Task Force office or such other places approved by the Board.

SECTION 3. INVESTIGATOR INFORMATION SHARING MEETINGS

3.1 COORDINATION. The timely coordination and communication of investigative information is of paramount importance. Participating agencies agree to fully coordinate and communicate regarding any information received by their agency which might be

beneficial to Task Force investigations. To facilitate this communication, all members of the Task Force will meet weekly with the Task Force Commander at a date and time determined by the Task Force Commander.

SECTION 4. EVIDENCE

4.1 PROCEDURES. All evidence and property seized by Task Force Officers shall be identified, preserved, booked and stored in accordance with procedures approved by the Board. The Task Force Commander shall appoint a Task Force Officer or Task Force Analyst to serve as evidence custodian.

4.2 AUDIT. All evidence and property seized and stored by the Task Force shall be audited annually or as deemed necessary by the Board. Annual audits will be conducted in December and results reported to the Board in January. Persons responsible for conducting audits will be appointed by the Board.

SECTION 5. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES MANUAL

5.1 The Task Force will operate in accordance with the SPEAR Operational Guidelines Manual. The Manual will be written and kept updated by the Task Force Commander. The Board will approve the Manual and any additions, deletions or changes.

SECTION 6. INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM

6.1 OBLIGATIONS OF THE SPEAR TASK FORCE. SPEAR hereby agrees to:

- Establish and maintain a central computerized criminal intelligence information system for the sole purpose of assisting local, state, and federal law enforcement agency personnel in ongoing multijurisdictional investigations or prosecution activities relating to specific areas of criminal activity.
- Supply the prospective Participating Agencies with membership applications and policy information and, upon attainment of membership, procedural guidelines and necessary forms as adopted by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office.
- Establish criteria for: Information submission, information inquiry/access/dissemination, information retention/purging, security of information, audit trails and assigning of agency representatives.
- Identify and monitor suspected or validated individuals or groups that present a known or perceived threat to the community or entity.
- Update Participating Agencies on identified or suspected threats within their jurisdiction by utilizing information and intelligence bulletins pertinent to that jurisdiction.

- Comply with the U.S. Department of Justice Systems Operating Policies; 28 CFR Part 23 (Sept. 23, 1993), where applicable.

- Assure that the information and intelligence files are maintained in accordance with the applicable Colorado Record Retention Laws, and can only be held for a period of five (5) years. The five (5) year retention period begins from the last date of documented criminal activity or contact with an individual where the probable cause to believe criminal activity or association with criminal activity exists.

6.2 OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. Each Participating Agency hereby agrees to:

- Establish and Comply with the U.S. Department of Justice Systems Operating Policies; 28 CFR Part 23 (Sept. 23, 1993), where applicable, and with the policies and procedures promulgated by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office and SPEAR.

- Assume responsibility for ensuring that all data submitted for storage in the SPEAR files is connected to known or suspected criminal activity for the operation of the system, and insuring the accuracy of all information submitted for storage by each agency in the SPEAR files.

- Assume responsibility for, and assure that all information disseminated from, SPEAR files is kept in strict confidence and is not disseminated to other entities by the Participating Agency, and to guard against any use or misuse of said information other than for informational and intelligence purposes. Dissemination by the Participating Agency of intelligence bulletins and/or information presented by SPEAR shall be strictly prohibited unless prior approval by SPEAR is obtained. This decision will be reached on a case-by-case basis.

- Utilize pooled intelligence and information resources of all participating agencies for the purpose of identifying existing threats within the community and detentions facilities to combat criminal activity that exists or is deemed proactive or anticipatory in nature.

- Update SPEAR when an identified individual is contacted by your agency. Information and intelligence files on validated threats and individuals are maintained in accordance with applicable Colorado Record Retention Laws and can only be held for a period of five (5) years. The five (5) year retention period begins from the last date of documented criminal activity or contact with an individual where probable cause to believe criminal activity or association with criminal activity exists.

- SPEAR will notify each agency when a record has reached the end of its retention period. It is the responsibility of each participating agency to purge their copies of documents when notified by SPEAR that the retention period has ended.

SECTION 7. EQUIPMENT

7.1 GENERAL. Each Officer assigned to the Task Force shall be provided a portable radio, vehicle and usual personal equipment required for the execution of law enforcement duties by their respective agencies. The equipment provided to the Task Force Officers from the contributing agency shall remain property of the contributing agency. The contributing agency shall be solely responsible for the maintenance, repair and security of said equipment. If an agency needs to borrow equipment from another agency, appropriate arrangements should be made between the respective members of the Board.

7.2 TASK FORCE PROPERTY. Certain equipment will not be contributed by any agency and will be considered property of the Task Force. This equipment includes property acquired by means of asset forfeiture. Because the Task Force is not an incorporated entity capable of legally holding title to real or personal property, any such Task Force property will be the legal property of a member agency agreed upon by the Board, to be held in trust for the use of the Task Force. In the event of the disbanding of SPEAR, the Governing Board shall decide on the final disposition of the property and all other assets.

7.3 PROPERTY INVENTORY. Equipment and property acquired for use by the Task Force shall be tracked through ongoing inventory process by the Task Force Commander. Such inventory shall list the source of the equipment/property and the designated ownership of such equipment/property.

SECTION 8. PERSONNEL AND RELATED ISSUES

8.1 GENERAL. All personnel assigned to the Task Force will remain the responsibility of their parent agency. Supervisors for the parent agencies will be in charge of their individual subordinates, with Officers placed under the supervision of the Task Force Commander for all Task Force duties and operations. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Memorandum, Task Force Officers shall serve at the will of the Governing Board and can be removed from the Task Force by the Board at any time with or without good cause. Task Force Officers may refuse to obey any illegal or unduly dangerous order from any person.

8.2 SELECTION. All Officers assigned to the Task Force shall be selected pursuant to the procedure outlined in this section.

- The Board Member of a participating agency shall submit appropriate materials for candidate Officers to the Secretary for distribution to the Board. Appropriate materials for candidates shall include a resume', listing details of the candidate's education and training pertinent to law enforcement and non-law enforcement experience.

- The Board shall conduct an oral interview of a candidate within one month of receipt of the required materials. Such oral interview will be conducted with a

minimum of 5 Board Members present, with a minimum 75% approval required to appoint a Task Force position. The Board may also define and state a preference in candidates should a participating agency offer multiple candidates for one position.

- The Task Force Commander shall be selected through the same process as Task Force Officers.

8.3 DISCIPLINE. Should the need for any disciplinary action arise against any Task Force Officer, the disciplinary action imposed shall be the responsibility of the Officer's parent agency. The Task Force Commander may recommend to each Officer's parent agency that disciplinary process be considered or initiated. The Task Force Commander shall be empowered to provisionally suspend any Task Force Officer from the Task Force for incompetence, negligence, insubordination, criminal conduct, or other conduct unbecoming a Task Force Officer. The TFO's parent agency shall be notified of such action immediately. Such provisional suspension may be rescinded by the Task Force Commander or be brought to the Board for review at their next meeting. Any change of status of such suspension shall require a majority vote of the Governing Board. After review of all information the Board considers pertinent to the suspension, the Board may take the following actions:

- Rescind the suspension.

- Accept the suspension and initiate procedures for removal of the Task Force Officer.

- Remove the Task Force Officer with the consent of the parent agency, or through resignation of Task Force assignment by the Officer.

In the event the Governing Board accepts the suspension and initiates procedures for removal of the Task Force Officer, the procedures shall be as follows:

- The Task Force Commander shall be assigned to prepare a written report to the Governing Board which shall include, at a minimum; a summary of the reasons for the suspension, a statement of any facts that the Task Force Commander feels constitute grounds for removal from the Task Force, a summary of all available evidence both in favor and against the Task Force Officer, a written statement from the Task Force Commander detailing the reasons the Task Force Commander feels removal from the Task Force is warranted, and a written statement from the Task Force Officer in question should they wish to provide one.

- The report of the Task Force Commander shall be prepared within two days of the Board's decision to initiate removal procedures.

- The report from the Task Force Commander shall be provided to all Governing Board members and the Task Force Officer in question.

- The Board shall consider the issue of removal of the Task Force Officer at their next meeting.

- The Board will consider the report from the Task Force Commander.

- The Task Force Officer in question may address the Board if they desire.

- The Board will consider any other information it deems relevant.

- The Task Force Officer shall have no right to legal counsel at such meeting.

- The Board shall consider the matter in executive session. A decision to remove a Task Force Officer pursuant to this section shall be by a majority of the total Governing Board. Nothing in this section shall in any way affect a parent agency from voluntary removal of their Officer at anytime.

- During the above-process, a parent agency may re-assign their Officer to non-Task Force duties pending disposition.

8.3.1 MISCONDUCT OF THE TASK FORCE COMMANDER. Task Force Officers may report any misconduct or other inappropriate actions on the part of the Task Force Commander to the Chairperson or any Governing Board Member. The Chairperson may take any action that the Chairperson deems necessary to immediately address any such issue, including a temporary suspension of the Task Force Commander. In the event that the Chairperson suspends the Task Force Commander, the Chairperson shall call an immediate emergency meeting of the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall consider any issues raised by the Chairperson. Any decision to remove the Task Force Commander shall require a majority vote of the entire Governing Board, minus the Task Force Commander, who shall have no vote in such action.

8.3.2 STANDARDS. The process provided for in paragraphs 8.3 and 8.3.1 shall in no way be construed as requiring that good cause be found by the Governing Board as a precondition of taking any disciplinary action against a Task Force Officer or the Task Force Commander.

SECTION 9. REPORTS

9.1 REPORTS. Reports will be prepared utilizing a standard format approved by the Task Force Commander. The Board may require the use of such forms it deems appropriate. All Task Force agencies agree to provide appropriate statistical reports in a timely manner as required by Division of Criminal Justice grant reporting or other oversight

and funding entities. Any necessary arrest data, seizure data, and other information will be forwarded to the Project Director.

SECTION 10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY NOT WAIVED. None of the parties waive its rights under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act.

10.2 INSURANCE. Each Party shall maintain general liability and police professional liability coverage or its equivalent in an amount not less than the maximum amount that may be received under the provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act against a public entity or public employee. The policy shall insure against claims for bodily injury, death, property damage, or personal injury which may arise through the performance of the Task Force's duties. The policies should also provide coverage for the costs of defending any claims that may arise from the performance of the Task Force's duties.

10.3 SEVERANCE. Any term, clause, part or provision of this Memorandum held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of Colorado or the United States shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or provisions. The rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the memorandum did not contain the particular term, clause, part or provision held to be invalid.

10.4 GOVERNING LAW. In its entirety, the Memorandum is subject to and shall be construed in accordance with the provisions of Colorado law.

10.5 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. The Memorandum shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of each of the Parties. A Party may not assign any of its rights or obligations under the Memorandum without the prior written consent of all other members of the Governing Board.

10.6 NOTICE. Any notice required or permitted by this Memorandum shall be in writing and sent by certified mail or registered mail, postage and fees prepaid. The certified mail or registered mail shall be addressed to the Party to whom such notice is being given at the address set forth on the signature page below. Such notice shall be deemed to have been given when deposited in the United States mail.

10.7 SEPARATE ENTITIES. The Parties enter into this Memorandum as separate, independent governmental entities and shall maintain such status throughout.

10.8 NO PARTNERSHIP. Nothing in this Memorandum shall create a partnership or joint venture between the parties hereto.

10.9 COOPERATION, REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, AND EXTRATERRITORIALITY. Each participating agency understands that all Task Force Officers will operate throughout the entire area covered by the Task Force. By executing this agreement, each participating agency hereby consents and agrees to having all Task Force Officers operate in their territory with full power to conduct investigations, make arrests, and take such other actions as are necessary for Task Force operations. This agreement also constitutes a standing request for assistance on behalf of each participating agency to utilize Task Force Officers to enforce any violations of law arising out of any such investigation in the territory of each participating agency. Each participating agency acknowledges that any Task Force Officer operating in the particular agency's territory has full power to investigate such violations and make arrests as if such Task Force Officer were a sworn Officer of the particular agency. No agency relationship is created hereby, and each participating agency shall be fully liable for the actions of its Officers.

10.10 PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. The participating agencies shall be all those that sign this agreement. The Governing Board, by majority vote, may admit new agencies into the Task Force, and such new agencies must sign this agreement.

10.11 CAPACITY OF BOARD MEMBERS, BOARD OFFICERS AND TASK FORCE OFFICERS. All Board Members, Board Officer and Task Force Officers shall remain fully the employees and agents of their respective governmental agency employers and shall not be considered an employee or agent of any other governmental agency. Each individual governmental agency shall remain fully responsible for all of the actions of its own employees or agents, and no party hereto shall incur any liability as a result of the actions of any employee or agent of another party hereto.

10.12 MODIFICATION. This Memorandum may only be modified in writing with the consent of all parties hereto.

10.13 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Memorandum shall be effective as of the date when all parties have signed this Memorandum.

10.14 SECTION HEADINGS. The various section headings contained in this Memorandum are for the sake of convenience only, and have no legal effect whatsoever.

10.15 AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE. The undersigned parties state that they represent and have the authority to execute this MOU on behalf of their respective agencies or departments and, in signing this MOU, concur with and support SPEAR as set forth in this MOU and for the period and purpose stated herein.

10.16 COUNTERPARTS. The parties may execute this MOU in two or more counterparts which shall, in the aggregate, be deemed an original but all of which, together, shall constitute one and the same instrument

Voting Members

Garfield County Sheriff's Office

BY: _____ Date: 07/17/2025
Lou Vallario
Sheriff

Rifle Police Department

BY: _____ Date: 07/17/2025
Debra Funston
Chief of Police

Silt Police Department

BY: _____ Date: _____
Mike Kite
Chief of Police

Ninth Judicial District Attorney's Office

BY: _____ Date: 7/17/25
Ben Sollars
District Attorney

Drug Enforcement Administration

BY: _____ Date: _____
Troy Eliason
Resident Agent in Charge

Homeland Security Investigations

BY: _____ Date: 07/17/2025
Jeremy Wilson Eric Schlffrick (Acting)
Resident Agent in Charge

Participating Members

Colorado State Patrol

BY:_____ Date:_____
Jared Rapp
Captain

Parachute Police Department
BY:_____ Date: 07-17-2025
Sam Stewart
Chief of Police

New Castle Police Department
BY:_____ Date:_____
Stu Curry
Chief of Police

Carbondale Police Department
BY: _____ Date: _____
Kirk Wilson
Chief of Police

Glenwood Springs Police Department

BY:_____ Date: 7.25.2025
Joseph Deras
Chief of Police

Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team (TRIDENT)
Glenwood Springs Police Department
CO Investigative

Category	2019 Award	2020 Award	2021 Award	2022 Award	2023 Award	% inc/dec	2024 Request	RMHIDTA Recommendation	RMHIDTA Denied
Personnel Total	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Fringe Total	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Investigative (5)	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	15,000.00	33%	20,000.00	13,950.00	6,050.00
Overtime Total	**25,000.00**	**25,000.00**	**25,000.00**	**25,000.00**	**15,000.00**	**33%**	**20,000.00**	**13,950.00**	**6,050.00**
Investigative	500.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	-100%	-		-
Travel Total	**500.00**	**250.00**	**250.00**	**250.00**	**250.00**	**-100%**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Facilitites Total	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Vehicle Lease(4)	34,790.00	33,000.00	34,916.00	34,916.00	20,988.00	33%	27,988.00	27,988.00	-
Cell Phones	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,300.00	0%	4,300.00	4,300.00	-
Security Clearances	2,700.00					0%			-
Services Total	**41,790.00**	**37,300.00**	**39,216.00**	**39,216.00**	**25,288.00**	**28%**	**32,288.00**	**32,288.00**	**-**
Equipment Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0%	600.00	600.00	-
Investigative	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	0%	800.00	800.00	-
Supplies Total	**1,400.00**	**1,400.00**	**1,400.00**	**1,400.00**	**1,400.00**	**0%**	**1,400.00**	**1,400.00**	**-**
PE/PI	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	9,000.00	33%	12,000.00	10,000.00	2,000.00
Other Total	**16,000.00**	**16,000.00**	**16,000.00**	**16,000.00**	**9,000.00**	**0%**	**12,000.00**	**10,000.00**	**2,000.00**
Total Funding	**84,690.00**	**79,950.00**	**81,866.00**	**81,866.00**	**50,938.00**		**65,688.00**	**57,638.00**	**8,050.00**
		-6%	2%	0%	-38%		29%	13%	

Notes:

Overtime: Due to budgetary limitations we are recommending funding at 93% of 2023 award

PE/PI: Due to budgetary limitations and historical trends we are recommending a slightly lower amount than requested

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Agenda:

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Be safe and stay healthy!

> On Jul 18, 2023, at 9:11 PM, Lou Vallario <LVallario@garcosheriff.com> wrote:
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> All,
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> Our monthly SPEAR meeting is scheduled for this Thursday (7/20) at Rifle PD, noon. Hope to see you there!
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SPEAR Board Meeting Agenda

July 20th, 2023

Location: GCSO

Attend:

Minutes:

$$$: Fed: $ Trident: $ State: $ Evidence: $

Old Business:

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New Business:

We are starting to see Fentanyl powder in our area. If Officers/Deputies see anything that might look like a powder and are NIK testing it, always have a second Officer with Narcan close by.

We are also starting to see the white Fentanyl M30 pills on the western slope. (supposedly stronger)

Buy money for the rest of the year.

Possibly a couple of additional people joining the team.

Case updates:

TF-23-175/187
On 04/06, We conducted a CI/UC purchase of roughly a ¼ ounce of Cocaine from Shilo Weidman at the Glenwood Springs Walmart. This case is still open and on-going. We are hoping to work this case into the Native Son bar in Glenwood where Shilo works. We have been receiving intel that Shilo deals from the bar and tries to lure young girls in for a trade, dope for sex. We have even heard rumors of Shilo having a date rape drug behind the counter.

UPDATE
We conducted a second deal with Shilo for a ½ ounce of Meth a short time after the Coke deal. Within the past few weeks, Shilo was arrested out of the Native Son bar on a warrant. He had with him a small amount of Meth and a small vial of clear liquid on him. The vial has been sent off for testing, we now believe it will be Meth and not GHB. Around a week back, we were able to get obtain an AW for Shilo

that included the deals with us and stolen gun offenses. We picked him off leaving his residence and executed a SW on his residence. Shilo is talking with us!

TF-23-numerous
Anthony Toovey/Creston Toovey, numerous cases.
The end of June we were able to arrest both Creston and Anthony again. Creston was picked up heading into Mesa with Blues and lodged on a $25,000 cash only bond. At the same time we arrested Anthony and lodged him as well. Most recently after Anthony was released, he caused an accident in New Castle and totaled his car. We were able to obtain an AW for Anthony on 2 hand to hand Fentanyl deals we have on him, needless to say his is lodged in GARCO on a $80,000 cash only bond.

UPDATE
I was informed that Anthony will be taking a plea for 8-12 years

TF-23-283
June 2023, SPEAR TFO's located and after a foot chase arrested Desiree Salahi in the downtown Rifle area. Salahi had 9 active arrest warrants for her arrest.

TF-23-325
June 29th, 2023, SPEAR was advised of 2 stolen motorcycles that had just occurred. GCSO Deputies observed what they believed to be the stolen motorcycles in the Town of Silt outside of Ryan Fazzi's residence. A short time later, TFO's drove past the residence and the motorcycles had been moved. TFO's wrote a search warrant for the garage and we located 3 stolen motorcycles and a small amount of Methamphetamine. Jared Jenson was also arrested for the theft of the bikes.

TF-23-333
On June 30th, 2023, We were advised that a vehicle heading into Garfield County had just pulled a gun on another motorist in Mesa County. We were able to set up and eventually locate the vehicle, We contacted the driver who had tried to hide the handgun under his seat. The driver was arrested and turned over to Mesa.

TF-23-360
July 06th, 2023 at approx. 0313 hrs, SPEAR set up on a vehicle (Registered to Richard Dunning) that we have a tracker on returning from the Denver area. After PC for the stop was obtained, we contacted the driver Jesse Grubbs DOB 02-24-92 who had switched to the passenger seat after the stop with Taylor Dean. A K9 showed a positive alert of the vehicle. Upon a search of the vehicle and occupants, approx. 1400 Fentanyl pills, ¼ oz of Fentanyl powder and ½ ounce of Methamphetamine were recovered.

TF-23-367
July 9th, 2023, SPEAR stopped a vehicle driven by Angela Miracle (DOB 03-23-83). In plain view, a small clear zip style baggy containing possible Methamphetamine was sitting behind the driver's seat. After a search of the vehicle was conducted, approx. 1.3 lbs of Methamphetamine, over 1200 Fentanyl pills and over 6 ounces of Cocaine were recovered, and of course she tried to smuggle a little Meth into the jail with her.

TF-23-374
On July 13th, 2023, Silt PD contacted a red suburban believed to be breaking into vehicles throughout Garfield County. Inside the vehicle were [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] and driven by Joshua Thorpe DOB 11-01-2001. Thorpe is a registered sex offender and shouldn't be with the juvi's (Parole has been notified). A search of the vehicle written by SPEAR located 2 stolen handguns.

*There are a number of other cases that we have pulled on Felony/misdemeanor arrest warrants, agency assists like suicidal/barricades and stolen/pursuit vehicles that we have been involved with as well.

Prosecution:

DEA:

Next Meeting: