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**- MEDIA ADVISORY -**

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO DEMONSTRATE AUTO THEFT PREVENTION BAIT CAR**

Each year, citizens across the state of Colorado continue to be victimized by the crime of auto theft at an ever increasing rate. Nearly every law enforcement jurisdiction in Colorado has documented dramatic increases of vehicles being stolen from the people of their communities. In fact, the COLORADO AUTO THEFT INVESTIGATORS (CATI) reports that more than 120,500 vehicles have been reported stolen since 1999. While a large portion of the reported stolen vehicles are eventually recovered, the crime of auto theft causes a great deal of inconvenience, as well as a significant loss in time and money for those victimized. The prevention of auto theft is a law enforcement/community priority.

On Thursday March 16, 2006 the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, CATI, local law enforcement agencies and private sector partners will demonstrate an auto theft prevention/auto thief apprehension tool, the **BAIT CAR**. The bait car is a significant tool in the effort to prevent auto theft in Colorado.

The BAIT CAR demonstration will be held:

**Thursday March 16, 2006  
10:30 A.M. - Noon  
Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office  
13101 East Broncos Parkway  
Centennial, CO 80012**

Members of the media are encouraged to participate in this significant crime prevention/community education effort.

To the auto thieves of Colorado: **WE KNOW WHICH IS THE BAIT CAR – DO YOU?**

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