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SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION DETERMINED TO BE INACCURATE

On Thursday April 21, 2005, at about 2:45 P.M., three citizens of the City of Centennial contacted the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office to report receiving a disturbing recorded message from a non-profit organization identified as "Sex Offender Notification Service". The recorded telephone message indicated that the "Sex Offender Notification Service", a Missouri based non-profit, was attempting to notify local residents that a "dangerous sex offender" was living in their immediate neighborhood. Those receiving the recorded message were provided with a toll free telephone number and an "Offender Code", which could be used to access further details regarding the recorded telephone message. Citizens were informed that a \$10.00 fee would be charged in, order to receive details, including the alleged sex offenders name, address, description, and criminal offense.

Investigators of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office called the toll free telephone number, provided the Offender Code and received the details associated with the alleged sexual offender. Repeated calls placed by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office have not been returned by representatives of the Sex Offender Notification Service.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has determined that the information provided by the Sex Offender Notification Service is not accurate. Citizens that may receive a recorded message from the Sex Offender Notification Service are encouraged to disconnect the telephone call and not contact the "service". Although, the message from the Sex Offender Notification Service does not appear to be an attempt to commit fraud, the sex offender information in not accurate.

Citizens of Colorado may contact their law enforcement agency or the Colorado Bureau of Investigation in order to obtain a local registered sex offender list, **AT NO COST**.

For additional information, please contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165.

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