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**- SHERIFF ISSUES FRAUD ALERT -**

Recently, members of our community have received email messages from “**WAMU.COM**”, which is titled “**Important Security Issue**”. The fraudulent email message states that the recipient’s on-line account has been the subject of multiple password failures and requests personal information in order to verify the validity of the on-line account. The fraudulent email includes an authentic appearing form for the faxed submission of the personal information requested. The fraudulent email also includes a statement that indicates if the recipient fails to provide the requested personal information within forty-eight (48) hours, the recipient’s account will be temporarily suspended.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office has determined that although the WAMU.COM address is valid, this specific email message from “WAMU.COM” is fraudulent. Individuals receiving the fraudulent email message should not respond by providing personal information and are encouraged to report the matter to local law enforcement authorities. Individuals who receive the fraudulent email from WAMU.COM may also report the matter to the Washington Mutual Security Department at [spoof@wamu.com](mailto:spoof@wamu.com). Any on-line activity that is suspected to fraudulent may also be reported to the Federal Trade Commission at [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov).

Citizens are encouraged to never share personal information with any person or group that is not known to be valid.

A copy of the fraudulent email and information form is attached as information.

For further information contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165

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