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**Sheriff's Office To Provide Cash Rewards
In Graffiti Vandalism Prevention Efforts**

Effective immediately, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office will provide cash rewards of up to \$500.00, for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of individuals or groups responsible for graffiti vandalism. The presence of graffiti in any neighborhood can lower property values, may encourage additional criminal activity and detracts from the overall quality of life of the community. From the perspective of the "Broken Windows" concept, when "minor crimes" such as vandalism are ignored, the quality of life aspects of a community may be negatively impacted as the result of additional unacceptable behavior. "In addition to the negative impacts upon the quality of life of our community, the costs associated with properly removing graffiti creates a significant drain on valuable tax dollars and the limited resources of local government", said Sheriff Grayson Robinson.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, committed to effective community partnerships and problem solving, has been responsible for an innovative graffiti removal program, which has been operational for the past five years. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has established a goal to have graffiti removed within one week of being reported. Citizens should report graffiti on public property by contacting the Sheriff's Office at 303.795.4711.

Anyone with information regarding individuals or groups that may be responsible for the crime of vandalism involving graffiti are encouraged to contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office at 303.795.4711. Individuals providing information which results in the arrest and conviction of those responsible for graffiti vandalism in the service area of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office may be eligible for a cash reward, up to \$500.00.

See attached photograph.

For additional information contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165.

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