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### PET STORE BURGLARIES

On February 28, 2009, at approximately 4:00 AM, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the PetSmart, located at 8222 South University Boulevard, on the report of a burglary. On scene, the deputies spoke with a store employee who stated that when he arrived at work, he noticed that the glass front doors to the business had been shattered by a river rock. Once inside the business, it was determined that a total of five snakes had been removed from the snake habitat area. The stolen snakes were described as: one Banded California Kingsnake; one albino Corn snake; one Corn snake; and two Ball Python snakes. The Banded California Kingsnake was later found dead in the parking lot and one of the Corn snakes was found in the store near the snake habitat area. At the time of the initial report, video of two suspects had been captured by in-store surveillance cameras.

On March 04, 2009, at approximately 1:15 AM, the Englewood Police Department requested the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office to assist in locating a vehicle that had possibly been involved in a burglary in their jurisdiction. The Englewood Police Department reported the burglary had just occurred at a pet store located at 3928 South Broadway Boulevard. A vehicle, suspected to have been used in the burglary, was registered to an address in the City of Centennial. The Englewood Police Department further reported the suspect(s) had used a river rock to break out the front window of the pet store and had stolen a large albino snake.

Arapahoe County deputies conducted surveillance in the area of the registered vehicle owner's address, where they observed the described vehicle. Deputies contacted the adult male driving the vehicle and noticed a large albino snake on the front passenger floorboard. The snake located in the vehicle was later identified by an employee of the Englewood pet store burglary as the snake stolen from their store.

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Through on scene investigation, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office was able to obtain a search warrant for the adult male suspect's residence and recovered the two Ball Python snakes taken in the burglary from the Centennial PetSmart. One suspect has been identified; however, due to the continued investigation no photos, video or identification will be released at this time. Both the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and the Englewood Police Department investigations are ongoing.

For further information please contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720-874-4165.

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