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Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Implements Innovative Biometric Identification System

On Friday, February 5, 2010, at 9:30 A.M., Arapahoe County Sheriff, Grayson Robinson, proudly announced that the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a National Sheriffs' Association technology grant to implement an innovative identification system based upon iris recognition biometric technology. The technology grant is the first to be awarded in the state of Colorado by the National Sheriffs' Association, with funding provided by the Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. The purpose of the grant is to provide an opportunity for selected sheriffs' offices to implement the innovative biometric technology system to protect children, protect senior citizens, to better identify and track registered sex offenders and to enhance the identification of inmates. The technology provided through the grant will enable the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office to join sheriffs and law enforcement agencies across the nation who have implemented The Child Project™, Senior Safety Net™, Inmate Recognition and Identification System (I.R.I.S.™) and Sex Offender Registry and Identification System (SORIS™). The system enables law enforcement agencies to enroll, identify, and locate missing children and adults through the use of iris recognition biometric technology.

At a press conference held at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, 13101 East Broncos Parkway, Centennial, Colorado at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010, Sheriff Robinson announced the grant award and participated in a demonstration of this unique public safety system. Sheriff Robinson said, "I am honored and pleased to announce this grant award and the implementation and availability of this new technology for the citizens across all of Arapahoe County and the State of Colorado. I am particularly pleased that the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has been chosen



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by the National Sheriffs' Association to be the first recipient in Colorado of this innovative technology grant. Sheriff Robinson continued, "As a public safety organization, we work very hard to protect the citizens of our communities--particularly those most vulnerable like our children and seniors. We constantly strive to embrace new and proven techniques and technologies to improve public safety. Iris biometric technology and The Child Project™ are excellent examples of this innovation. With this grant we will be able to expand our public safety capabilities at no cost to the taxpayers of Arapahoe County."

Peter Y. Flynn, retired Sheriff of Plymouth County, Massachusetts, and a co-founder of The Child Project™ and BI2 Technologies stated, "We are honored that Sheriff Robinson has taken such a leadership role in this national effort. This federally funded grant is a direct result of the hard work and commitment of Sheriff Aaron Kennard and the National Sheriffs' Association. As a former Sheriff, I know first-hand the challenges Sheriff Robinson faces each day. So, in recognition of the outstanding job he and all the professionals of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office do each day, I am truly honored to be part of the first grant award." Sheriff Flynn continued, "The Child Project™, and related iris biometric systems that the Arapahoe County Sheriffs Office is receiving today, are part of a secure nationwide network and registry that enables law enforcement and social service agencies to enroll, locate, and positively identify missing children and adults with the iris biometric recognition technology. Through this network, The Child Project™ compares the unique features contained in the iris against a database of individuals who voluntarily enroll throughout the country to determine identity. Participation is entirely voluntary, just as it is now with fingerprint and photo ID card programs."

Iris recognition biometric technology positively determines the identity of an individual by capturing a high-resolution digital photograph of a person's iris. The technology can tell the difference between twins, or even an individual's right and left eye. The non-intrusive technology captures an image of the iris by someone simply looking into the camera. Biometric Intelligence & Identification Technologies (BI2 Technologies) of Plymouth, Massachusetts, developed the system. To learn more please visit BI2 Technologies' web site at www.bi2technologies.com.

For information on how you can register your children and senior family members please contact Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Deputy Brian McKnight at 720-874-3750.

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

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