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### SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES USE HIGH TECH METHOD TO LOCATE A MISSING DISABLED PERSON

On Thursday December 20, 2007, at about 5:00 P.M., the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office began a search for a 51-year old, developmentally disabled, woman who had walked away and was missing from her care provider. The missing person was last observed in the 7400 block of South University Boulevard, in the City of Centennial. After a search of the surrounding area, deputies requested a telephone alert be conducted from the **A Child Is Missing Program**. Shortly after the missing person alert request was made, residential and business phones in southwest Centennial received automated calls requesting those in the area to check their yards and complexes for the missing person. At 6:42 P.M. on December 20, 2007, the Sheriff's Office Communications Center received two calls from citizens who reported seeing the missing person in the area of South University Boulevard and East Dry Creek Road. One caller indicated that the missing person had been seen inside a restaurant in the immediate area. Deputies responded to the restaurant and contacted the missing person. The missing person was safely returned to her care provider.

A Child Is Missing Program, a free service to law enforcement, is a nationwide, 24-hour a day alert program that utilizes sophisticated mapping systems and satellite imagery systems that are capable of placing 1,000 alert phone calls in 60 seconds to the immediate area where a missing person was last seen or is believed to be.

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In January of 2007, The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office was the first agency in Colorado to establish a working relationship with the A Child Is Missing Program. The Sheriff's Office hosted a training seminar on February 26, 2007, where representatives from 21 Colorado law enforcement agencies were introduced to the program. Last evening's success story was the first missing person located in the state of Colorado as the direct result of the technology available through the A Child Is Missing Program.

The A Child Is Missing Program is a nationwide, non-profit, organization that supports the efforts of law enforcement agencies to locate missing children, missing elderly (often suffering from Alzheimer's), college students on campus, and missing persons who may be developmentally or physically challenged. A Child Is Missing Program utilizes sophisticated computer mapping systems and trained technicians with the capacity to place 1,000 alert phone calls in minutes to residents and businesses in the area where someone has gone missing or is believed to be. To date the efforts of the A Child Is Missing Program have been credited by national law enforcement with over 300 safe assisted recoveries. Please visit [www.achildismissing.org](http://www.achildismissing.org) for more information.

Residents of the City of Centennial and other areas served by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office who have an unpublished or cell phone number may register with A Child Is Missing Program at [www.achildismissing.org](http://www.achildismissing.org). Those wishing to register need to click on "add your name" and follow the simple steps to enter your number—which will only be used for emergency alert calls.

For additional information contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165.

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