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Subject: Northern Colorado Shooting Task Force Update
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The Northern Colorado Shooting Task Force would like to take this opportunity to update the public on the status of the investigations into the recent shootings in northern Colorado.

As most of you are aware, the task force is investigating four confirmed shootings:

1. On April 22, 2015, at approximately 11:15 pm, Cori Romero reported she had been involved in a traffic accident as she was merging onto southbound Interstate 25 from Harmony Road in Larimer County. It was later determined that Ms. Romero had been shot in the neck with a firearm while she was driving.
2. On May 18, 2015, at approximately 10:15 am, Mr. John Jacoby was shot and killed while riding his bicycle near the intersection of Weld County Road 15 and Weld County Road 72 in Windsor.
3. On June 3, 2015, at approximately 10:30 pm, a person was shot at while riding a motorcycle near the intersection of Denver Drive and East 18th Street in Loveland. The person was not injured.
4. On June 3, 2015, at approximately 10:45 pm, Mr. William Connole was shot and killed while standing at the intersection of East 1st Street and North St. Louis Avenue in Loveland.

The investigation into these cases is still very much active and ongoing.

On September 13, 2015, the Banner Health Center on Lady Moon Drive reported to Fort Collins Police Services that their building was damaged by a firearm. The damage occurred to a portion of the building that was occupied at the time and no one was injured. On the same day, Cottonwood Plains Elementary School on Turman Drive reported to the Larimer County Sheriff's Office that their building was damaged by a firearm. The task force will monitor and investigate the details surrounding those incidents; however there is no information to indicate they are related to the four original shootings.

The task force is announcing that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is now offering up to \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest, prosecution, and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for the four original shootings. However, if circumstances change and the reported shootings at Banner

Health and Cottonwood Plains Elementary School are proven to be directly related to the original four shootings, circumstances regarding the reward may change.

The task force is also announcing that as of September 8, 2015, personnel from Fort Collins Police Services, Greeley Police Department, and Colorado Bureau of Investigation were assigned to the task force. These agencies were added to the task force to increase effectiveness in the areas of processing information and gathering intelligence on criminal activity in the surrounding region.

The task force is asking the public that if anyone has any information concerning these cases to please come forward. In so many cases like these, there may be several people who have information and believe that someone else has already come forward with that same information. Please do not make that assumption - come forward with the information you have whether or not you think someone else has already done so. This includes information regarding the depiction of a motor vehicle, released to the public on June 23, 2015, that is believed to be involved in the shootings that occurred on June 3rd in Loveland.

The task force has received anonymous tips from a specific person(s) as recent as August 17, 2015. Task force investigators have followed up on the information you provided, however more information is needed. You are encouraged to contact the task force again, by any method you are comfortable with, and give specific details to support why you believe what you have already reported is accurate.

The task force continues to monitor regional reports of shattered vehicle windows and work with the law enforcement agencies responding to those incidents. To date, there has been no physical or forensic evidence recovered to indicate any of the reported shattered windows are related to the four shootings being investigated by the task force.

The task force also continues to monitor other seemingly random shooting incidents in the United States. To date, there is no indication that any of those incidents are related to the cases under investigation by the Northern Colorado Shooting Task Force.

The task force would like to share with the public some of its investigative efforts to date.

- The task force has processed over 340,385 cell phone numbers, more than 2,550 leads, and conducted over 500 interviews. Task force investigators have followed up on 748 vehicles and looked at over 100 videos from businesses in the vicinity of these four crimes.
- 10 persons of interest have been identified and cleared by the task force.
- There are 26 personnel assigned to the task force from the following agencies:
 - Larimer County Sheriff's Office
 - Windsor Police Department
 - Weld County Sheriff's Office

- Larimer County District Attorney's Office
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms
- Loveland Police Department
- Colorado State Patrol
- Fort Collins Police Services
- Greeley Police Department
- Colorado Bureau of Investigation

The task force would like to thank all law enforcement agencies and members of the public for their support of the task force's efforts thus far.

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