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WELD COUNTY RECEIVES INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN GRANT

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners approved the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Grant awarded by the City of Colorado Springs Police Department for \$3,160. The Weld County Sheriff's Department and the North Colorado Regional Forensic Laboratory (NCRFL) will use the grant money for mobile forensics training offered by the International Association of Computer Investigation Specialists (IACIS).

Weld County employs eight investigators who can be involved with investigating internet crimes against children and child pornography cases. The NCRFL is continuously pursuing grants to provide these investigators with training courses, which are important to develop an effective response to cyber enticement and child pornography cases. In the training offered by the IACIS, Weld County Investigators will better learn to process and analyze electronic devices used by offenders.

"One in five teenagers say they have received an unwanted sexual solicitation on the internet," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. "It is crucial children learn to protect themselves online and keep their personal information private. In 65% of online sex crimes, the offenders gained information about the victim's home and school on their social media sites, and 26% of offenders gained information about the victim's whereabouts at a specific location from social media."

The NCRFL provides forensic services to the Weld County Sheriff's Office, Larimer County Sheriff's Office, the Greeley Police Department, the Fort Collins Police Department, the Loveland Police Department and the Colorado Bureau of Investigations. Employees from all six agencies work at the NCRFL on digital and multimedia evidence, fingerprints, impression evidence, firearms and tool marks, drug chemistry analysis and forensic biology.

For more information about the North Colorado Regional Forensic Laboratory, visit the Sheriff's Office webpage at www.weldsheriff.com.

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