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Media Advisory

Arapahoe County to announce plans to combat prescription drug abuse
County brings group of Colorado officials together to discuss this urgent issue days in advance of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Sept. 27.

WHAT
Prescription drug abuse is Colorado’s fastest growing drug problem. The state has the second highest rate of prescription drug abuse in the country with more people dying of drug overdoses than from motor vehicle crashes each year.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Sept. 27. Coloradans are encouraged to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs in drop-off boxes placed at designated locations throughout the state that day.

To kick-off National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, Arapahoe County officials, Colorado Lt. Governor Joseph Garcia and Kaiser Permanente Colorado will come together to highlight this dangerous issue and to discuss strategies to reduce prescription drug abuse in Colorado.

WHO
Colorado Lt. Governor Joseph Garcia
Commissioner Bill Holen, Arapahoe County
Sheriff David Walcher, Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office
Jandel Allen-Davis, Vice President of Government, External Relations and Research, Kaiser Permanente Colorado
Kristina Searls, who lost her brother James Patrick (J.P.) Carroll from a deadly interaction with prescription drugs Sept. 25, 2012
Kelly Lear-Kaul, M.D., Coroner, Arapahoe County Coroner’s Office

WHEN
10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014

WHERE
Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office
13101 E. Broncos Parkway, Centennial, CO 80112