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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WARNS CITIZENS ABOUT UNAUTHORIZED PHONE SOLICITATIONS**

On June 30, 2003 a Centennial resident contacted the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office to report a suspicious telephone solicitation. The citizen reported that in the mid afternoon, an unknown telephone solicitor called his residence and addressed him by name. The caller identified himself as an officer with, "The Arapahoe County Police." The solicitor asked if the citizen would be willing to make a donation of any kind. The alert citizen advised the solicitor that he knew that the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Officer never solicits by phone for any donations. The solicitor then hung up. Unfortunately the citizen did not have Caller ID and did not use the phone company's Call Trace feature \*57.

Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson stated, "The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office does not participate in any telephone fund raising activities. We are asking that any Arapahoe County resident who has received such a phone call report it immediately to our office at 303-795-4711." If you receive such a phone call in the future, please hang up and immediately use the **\*57 Call Trace feature** and report the incident to the Sheriff's Office, in order to initiate an investigation.

To protect from receiving most unwanted telephone solicitations, citizens may consider registering with the Colorado and National "NO CALL LISTS". The Colorado "No Call List" may be accessed through the internet at [www.ColoradoNoCall.com](http://www.ColoradoNoCall.com) or by calling 1.888.249.9097. The national "No Call List" may be accessed through the internet at [www.DONOTCALL.gov](http://www.DONOTCALL.gov) or by calling 1.800.382.1222.

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

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