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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assault on a Peace Officer Suspect Identified**

On Monday, April 11, 2005 at about 11:25 A.M., Arapahoe County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious male subject at the Belco Credit Union, located at 15321 East Orchard Road. The credit union employees reported that the male subject was originally observed in the facility on Friday April 8, 2005, when the subject attempted to open an account. When first at the credit union, the subject acted very nervous and would not permit employees to view the contents of a briefcase that the suspect brought to the business.

On Monday, April 11, 2005 at about 11:20 A.M., the suspicious male returned to the credit union and once again had a briefcase in his possession. Belco Credit Union employees immediately called the sheriff's office to report the situation. Deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle, however the suspect attempted to strike a deputy with the moving vehicle. The suspect then drove from the area and attempted to elude sheriff's deputies. The suspect's vehicle became disabled when it was driven into a snow bank in the 25000 block of East Smoky Hill Road. The suspect continued to attempt to drive away and had to be physically removed from his automobile.

Although the suspect refused to identify himself or provide any form of valid identification, the suspect has been positively identified through the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). The suspect has been identified as:

**William Elbert Gossett**

**DOB:122672**

**Age 32**

**Address Unknown**

(Photograph Not To Be Released)

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Gossett is being held at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Detentions Facility on a \$1,000,000.00 bond, pending the filing of formal criminal charges with the Office of The District Attorney.

Gossett will be charged with violations of:

**C.R.S. 18.3.202 - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assault on a Peace Officer, a Class 3 Felony.**

A Class 3 Felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration at the Department of Corrections for four (4) to twelve (12) years.

**C.R.S. 18.2.203 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault on a Peace Officer, a Class 4 Felony.**

A Class 4 Felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration at the Department of Corrections for two (2) to six (6) years.

**C.R.S. 18.9.116 - Felony Vehicular Eluding, a Class 5 Felony.**

A Class 5 Felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration within the Department of Corrections for one (1) to three (3) years.

**C.R.S. 18.5.113 - Criminal Impersonation, a Class 6 Felony.**

A Class 6 Felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration at the Department of Corrections for one (1) year to eighteen (18) months.

**C.R.S. 18.8.103 - Resisting Arrest, a Class 2 Misdemeanor.**

A Class 2 Misdemeanor is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration at the County Jail for three (3) to twelve (12) months.

**The suspect will also be charged with numerous traffic violations.**

Gossett was found to be the wanted on three separate no bond arrest warrants:

- **United States Marshals Warrant – Failure To Surrender Regarding The Violation Of Conditions Of An Existing Bond**
- **Virginia Beach, Virginia Warrant – Probation Violation, Felony Theft**
- **F.B.I. Little Rock, Arkansas Warrant – Mail Fraud**

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

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