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DETENTION OPERATION TECHNICIAN ARRESTED FOR INTRODUCTION OF CONTRABAND INTO A DETENTION FACILITY

On Wednesday, March 7, 2007, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office began conducting an investigation regarding an inappropriate relationship between a Detention Operations Technician and an inmate who was previously housed in the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Detention Facility and currently is a sentenced inmate with the Department of Corrections.

The relationship between the Sheriff's Office employee and inmate included the exchange of mail and phone calls. At the time the Sheriff's Investigators contacted the employee, she was found to be in possession of a folding tactical knife with a three-inch blade while on duty in a maximum security section of the detention facility.

The suspect is identified as:

**Nicole Sue Beal
DOB 01/09/84
(Photograph Attached)**

Beal has been an employee of the Sheriff's Office since March 3, 2005. Beal was taken into custody by Arapahoe County Investigators and charged with:

C.R.S. 18-8-203 Introducing Contraband in the First Degree, 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.

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C.R.S. 18-8-404 First Degree Official Misconduct, Class 2 Misdemeanor. A Class 2 Misdemeanor is punishable upon conviction by incarceration into a County Detention Facility for three (3) months to twelve (12) months.

Beal is currently suspended from her duties without pay and has posted a \$200,000 bond.



For further information, contact Sheriff J. Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165.

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