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Former Arapahoe County Sheriff in Custody For Distribution Of A Controlled Substance

After a thorough and complete criminal investigation conducted by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and the South Metro Drug Task Force, former Sheriff Patrick Sullivan has been taken into custody and will be the subject of a criminal case filing related to the distribution of a controlled substance. The criminal investigation into this matter was initiated on Thursday November 17, 2011, after several individuals presented credible information that provided probable cause to believe that Sullivan may be involved in the distribution and use of methamphetamine.

As the investigation was being conducted, Sullivan arranged to meet an adult male acquaintance and agreed to provide the male acquaintance with methamphetamine in exchange for a sexual encounter. On Tuesday November 29, 2011, at about 4:15 P.M. Sullivan was taken into custody, without incident, after providing methamphetamine to the adult male. The transaction was monitored by Drug Task Force and Sheriff's Office investigators. Sullivan is currently being held on a \$250,00.00 bond at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Detentions Facility pending the filing of criminal charges.

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Sullivan will be charged with violations of:

C.R.S. 18-18-405 Unlawful Distribution, Manufacturing, Dispensing or Sale of a Controlled Substance, a class five felony. A class five felony is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration at the Department of Corrections for one (1) year to six (6) years.

The investigation into allegations of the criminal activity is continuing, with additional criminal charges involving Sullivan, as well as other suspects anticipated.

Patrick Sullivan served as the Arapahoe County Sheriff from 1984 until his retirement on July 7, 2002. “The allegations of criminal behavior involving Pat Sullivan are extraordinarily disturbing,” said Sheriff Grayson Robinson. Sheriff Robinson stated that “while the arrest of the former sheriff is very troubling, the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office continues to ensure that those who are responsible for criminal behavior and the victimization of our community will be held accountable by the criminal justice system. No one, and particularly a current or a former peace officer, is above the law. The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office has always demonstrated a solid commitment to our community and to public safety. This is a very sad time for the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office and our community.”

Additional information will be provided as details are available.

For further information contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165.

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