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WHAT:    Douglas County Sheriff's Office Welcomes Three New Members to the Family

NARRATIVE: DOUGLAS COUNTY, CO – On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, Sheriff Dave Weaver swore in the newest members of the Sheriff's Office. Each brings a variety of experience and expertise to the Sheriff's Office. They are Maryam Rafai, Beth A. Ondrak, and Jamie R. Ownbey.

Maryam Rafai joins us as a detention specialist. She was born in the United States, but raised and educated overseas. She brings unparalleled linguistic skills to the Sheriff's Office. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Translation Linguistics and is capable of reading, writing and speaking Farsi, Arabic, and German. She modestly states her German may be a bit rusty. While her background has been with banking and other financial institutions, her love has always been security and law enforcement. She looks forward to using her skills to ensure the safety and security of this agency and others that need her services.

Beth A. Ondrak is a 12-year law enforcement veteran and specializes in investigations. Beth comes to us from Cherry Hills Village Police Department. In prior years, she has worked closely with investigators from Douglas County to resolve cases that impacted both this County and Cherry Hills Village. During her tenure she has been a K-9 Handler and is a state certified driving instructor and a patrol field training officer. She earned a Bachelors Degree in Commercial Recreation and Business. Her resume includes numerous accolades ranging from outstanding job performance to letters of thanks from grateful citizens. The Cherry Hills Village Chief of Police personally commended Beth for an outstanding job for his agency and the citizens of his city. Beth looks forward to becoming an investigator for the Sheriff's Office.

Jamie R. Ownbey comes to us from the Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority, which coordinates the police and fire communicative services for numerous agencies in and around Glenwood Springs. She was a shift supervisor responsible for dispatching emergency services and developing training programs for employees and creating and posting monthly work schedules. She is a skilled CPR Instructor. She has received formal training from FEMA in critical areas such as Incident Command and National Incident Management Systems. The Sheriff of Garfield County personally recommended her and was sad to see her leave. Jamie brings more than seven years dispatch experience to the citizens of Douglas County.

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