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WHAT: Douglas County Sheriff's Office Crime Analyst Michele Kennedy Internationally Recognized as Certified Analyst in Washington D.C. (September 2005).

NARRATIVE: DOUGLAS COUNTY, CO – In September of 2005, Sheriff's Office Crime Analyst Michele Kennedy became only one of two crime analysts internationally to receive the newly unveiled International Association of Crime Analysts (I.A.C.A.) certification for Law Enforcement.

Those that were certified had to meet pre-certification requirements prior to being considered. Pre-certification requirements considered the applicant's educational background, work history, seminars and conferences attended/participated, class instructor and/or presentations made, published works, professional memberships/associations etc. If the applicants met the pre-certification requirements, they were allowed to take a 200-question examination that covered 20 skill set areas in the field of crime analysis. Applicants had to pass with a 70% or higher. Examples of the skill sets are:

- Knowledge of Crime Analysis
- Knowledge of Criminal Behavior
- Understanding of the Criminal Justice System
- Conduct Temporal, Spatial and Demographic Analysis
- Interpretation of Crime Statistics
- Investigative/Intelligence Analysis Charting
- Critical Thinking skills
- Applied Research Methods in Crime Analysis

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office Crime Analyst Unit is responsible for monitoring and tracking criminal activity in Douglas County. Information that is gained is then utilized by the agency to appropriately allocate office resources to reduce and prevent criminal activity within the county.

Sheriff David Weaver noted, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office is honored to have Crime Analyst Michele Kennedy as one of its employees. Her dedication to the profession and service to the community is apparent with her most recent achievement. We are very proud of her accomplishment.

Michele Kennedy has served 11 years with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, eight of those as a crime analyst. Her certifications also include: Certified Crime and Intelligence Analyst through the California Department of Justice (California State University at Sacramento), she also holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Colorado in sociology with an emphasis in criminal justice. She was recently published in Sheriff magazine March/April 2005 "Confessions of a Serial Bank Robber", which details an interview that she had with a serial bank robber. Additional Information on Douglas Counties Crime Analyst Unit can be attained at www.dcsheriff.net and information on the International Association of Crime Analysts at www.IACA.net

A photograph of Crime Analyst Michele Kennedy is attached to this press release.

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