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## Media Advisory

### **Arapahoe County to announce plans to combat prescription drug abuse**

*County brings group of Colorado officials together to discuss this urgent issue days in advance of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Sept. 27.*

#### **WHAT**

Prescription drug abuse is Colorado's fastest growing drug problem. The state has the second highest rate of prescription drug abuse in the country with more people dying of drug overdoses than from motor vehicle crashes each year.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Sept. 27. Coloradans are encouraged to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs in drop-off boxes placed at designated locations throughout the state that day.

To kick-off National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, Arapahoe County officials, Colorado Lt. Governor Joseph Garcia and Kaiser Permanente Colorado will come together to highlight this dangerous issue and to discuss strategies to reduce prescription drug abuse in Colorado.

#### **WHO**

Colorado Lt. Governor Joseph Garcia

Commissioner Bill Holen, Arapahoe County

Sheriff David Walcher, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office

Jandel Allen-Davis, Vice President of Government, External Relations and Research, Kaiser Permanente Colorado

Kristina Searls, who lost her brother James Patrick (J.P.) Carroll from a deadly interaction with prescription drugs Sept. 25, 2012

Kelly Lear-Kaul, M.D., Coroner, Arapahoe County Coroner's Office

#### **WHEN**

10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014

#### **WHERE**

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office

13101 E. Broncos Parkway, Centennial, CO 80112