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NEWS RELEASE

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Update:

Ronald Noel, Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) in Custody.

May 11, 2011

Today the Garfield County Sheriff's Office was notified that Ronald Noel, a Sexually Violent Predator, who registered as a "homeless" resident with the Garfield County Sheriff's Office in February of 2011 is now in custody.

Ronald Noel was the Subject of the SVP Community Notification held on February 14, 2011 at the Sheriff's Office Annex in Rifle.

He was taken into custody by the La Plata County Sheriff's Office yesterday, May 10, 2011. Routt County Sheriff's Office issued a Failed to Register as a Sex Offender warrant on February 18, 2011 for not complying with SVP Registration Violations. Sex Offenders are required by the State of Colorado to "de-register" when relocating to a different location, which Noel did not when he relocated to Garfield County.

La Plata County Sheriff's Office in Durango, CO indicated that a Ronald Noel had registered with their agency as a Sex Offender on Thursday, May 05, 2011. Upon learning that Mr. Noel had a warrant out of Routt County and that he was designated as a Sexually Violent Predator, La Plata County began the process to apprehend Mr. Noel.

The La Plata County Sheriff's Office arrested Mr. Noel on May 10, 2011. Currently, Mr. Noel is awaiting extradition to Routt County in Steamboat Springs, CO for failing to comply with registration requirements.

Ronald Noel has a court appearance in La Plata County Court later today.

Please contact the Routt and La Plata County Sheriff's Offices for further details involving their case.

Tonight the Garfield County Sheriff's Office is holding a Sex Offender Community Education and Information presentation at the Rifle Annex located at 0106 County Road 333 A, just north of the Rifle Airport entrance. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm.

The mission of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office is to provide solutions for the people by utilizing and employing strong morals, good character, untarnished integrity, technical knowledge and fiscal responsibility through professional, ethical and equitable conduct.