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EXECUTIVE ORDER

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Governor's Task Force On Sexually Violent Predators.

1. Background and Need.

Recently, questions have been raised about the identification and community notification requirements for sexually violent predators. My office's review of current law and practices indicates that Colorado's process for evaluating and releasing sexually violent predators should be examined to ensure full statutory compliance. Furthermore, statutory and regulatory changes may be necessary to further enhance the safety of our citizens. It is critical that the procedures used to determine whether an offender qualifies as a sexually violent predator and whether the offender is subject to community notification are working.

Therefore, I am creating the Governor's Task Force On Sexually Violent Predators ("Task Force"). The Task Force will review our current statutes, policies and procedures to identify improvements in the methods used to identify and evaluate sexually violent predators and to provide for community notification of sexually violent predators.

2. Mission.

The Task Force shall:

- A. Review Colorado statutes, regulations, and executive and judicial branch policies and procedures regarding the identification of SVPs. The Task Force shall be to identify improvements to the existing system.
- B. Review Colorado statutes, regulations, and executive and judicial branch policies and procedures regarding community notification of SVPs.
- C. Identify and address any deficiencies with the existing system.
- D. Based upon its findings, the Task Force shall make recommendations to the Governor and Chief Justice on proposed statutory changes, if any, regarding SVPs by November 1, 2005.

3. Membership.

- A. The Task Force shall be composed of fourteen (14) voting members, as follows:
- (i) Five (5) ex officio members:
 - a. The Attorney General or his designee;
 - b. The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Corrections or his designee;
 - c. The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety or his designee;
 - d. The Executive Director of the Colorado District Attorney's Council or his designee;
 - e. The State Public Defender or his designee.
 - (ii) Six (6) members appointed by the Governor:
 - a. Two representatives from the Governor's Office;
 - b. A representative from the Colorado Victims Assistance Program;
 - c. A representative from a treatment provider;
 - d. A representative from the Sex Offender Management Board;
 - e. A representative from the Chiefs of Police.
 - (iii) Three (3) members appointed by the Chief Justice, one of whom should be a district court judge.
- B. The Attorney General or his designee shall serve as Chair of the Task Force.

4. Directive.

The Governor's Task Force On Sexually Violent Predators is hereby established within the Office of the Governor.

5. Duration.

This Executive Order shall expire on June 1, 2006, unless extended by the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado, this 16th day of
June, 2005.

Bill Owens
Governor