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RICHARD D. LAMM  
Governor

April 14, 1980

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS

WHEREAS, Colorado residents have in recent months experienced several violent crimes that were committed, or allegedly committed, by former mental patients; and

WHEREAS, this series of incidents, which has resulted in death and injury to innocent persons, has caused concern in the State; and

WHEREAS, this problem is one of national concern, as well as to Colorado, and involves not only the mental health system, but the courts, the laws, and other resources; and

WHEREAS, violence has increased generally in our society during the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, as chief executive officer of the State, has the responsibility for the safety and well being of all the State's residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Colorado, do hereby order that:

The Colorado Department of Institutions, through its Division of Mental Health:

1. Review all cases of serious violent acts committed by mentally ill persons who have either been discharged from state mental hospitals or from non-hospital treatment facilities.
2. Review the initial assessment process of the violent mentally ill.
3. Review the treatment of the violent mentally ill.
4. Review the training of staff who treat the violent mentally ill.
5. Review the discharge process of the violent mentally ill.
6. Review the follow-up process of the violent mentally ill.

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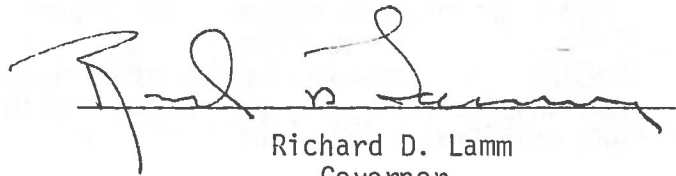
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7. Review the case and distribution of criminal court commitments, including those under a commitment of not guilty by reason of insanity.
8. Review changes in the trend in mental hospital populations toward the more dangerous client.
9. Report to me with recommendations as soon as possible.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given under my hand this 14th day of April, 1980.



Richard D. Lamm  
Governor