



CBI

2015
Annual Report

CBI Spotlight



The CBI partnered with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office to host a very special Veteran's Day event in early November.

The agencies welcomed Detective Billy Gallegos to share his experience as a U.S. Marine held captive for 444 days along with 51 other Americans at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran, between 1979 and 1981.

A current Denver Police Department detective and member of the Joint Terrorism Task Force, Det. Gallegos offered a gripping account of his time held captive in Iran.



Message from the Executive Director



The 2015 CBI Annual Report highlights the extensive work completed by the men and women of the Bureau during the year. 2015 marked a year of transitions for the CBI: We added new deputy directors to oversee the Criminal Justice Information and Investigations sections, and we said farewell to Director Ron Sloan after nearly seven years of dedicated service. In August, former FBI (Denver office) Assistant Special Agent in Charge Mike Rankin joined the CBI as the new director. He is dedicated to continuing efforts to achieve the Bureau's organizational, financial and strategic goals.

The CBI is committed to delivering quality service to our partners throughout the state. This extraordinary effort is demonstrated on a daily basis at CBI headquarters, regional offices and satellite locations.

Together with our public safety partners across the state, the divisions of the Colorado Department of Public Safety continually strive to create safer and more resilient communities for both those who call Colorful Colorado home and those who visit our state.

Stan Hilkey
Executive Director
Colorado Department of Public Safety

Highlight

Executive Director Hilkey attended a number of CBI events during the year, from oath of office ceremonies to retirement celebrations.



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The eighth director in the history of the CBI was sworn into office at a ceremony on August 3, 2015.

Michael Rankin took the Oath of Office signifying the start of his tenure as the CBI's director at a ceremony hosted by Department of Public Safety Executive Director Stan Hilkey.

Rankin's law enforcement career spans more than two decades. He joined the CBI having served as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge for the FBI, Denver Division.



Message from the Director



I am very pleased to present the 2015 CBI Annual Report detailing programs, statistics and overviews of special events and Bureau accomplishments throughout the year.

The men and women of the CBI reached a number of milestones during the year including the opening of the newly constructed regional office in Pueblo; the completion of the testing of previously un-submitted sexual assault evidence in Colorado; a near-record-breaking year for background checks for firearms transfers, and the culmination of numerous criminal investigations by our agents throughout the state.

I invite you to explore the pages of this comprehensive report to learn about the outstanding efforts of the diverse and dynamic CBI staff. While the CBI team celebrates a number of successes during the year, the staff will continue to build upon the Bureau's solid foundation of leadership, service and support, and strive for even more achievements in the coming years.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Rankin".

Michael Rankin
Director
Colorado Bureau of Investigation

Highlight

Director Rankin took part in a news conference to announce the results of Operation Cross Country IX, a multi-jurisdictional effort focused on rescuing victims involved in human trafficking, and arresting those who exploit them.





The CBI Identity Theft/Fraud/Cyber Security Unit worked with the CBI spokesperson to develop a social media campaign featuring the top scams of 2014.

In addition to highlighting the scams circulating throughout the state and the nation, the team offered comprehensive solutions to minimize the impact of identity theft and fraud for Colorado residents.

TOP TEN SCAMS OF 2014

- IRS Scam
- Litigation Scam
- Microsoft Scam
- Romance Scam
- Rental Property Online Scam
- Craigslist/EBay Sales Scam
- Charity Scams
- Travel Scams
- Mobile Apps Scams
- E-mail Hacking Scams



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Highlight

CBI planted a Pinwheel Garden in support of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.



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The CBI announced changes to its executive team in early 2015 with the promotion of Chris Andrist (right) to Deputy Director overseeing Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS), and the hiring of former Jefferson County Sheriff Ted Mink (left) to serve as Deputy Director of the Investigations Section for the Bureau.

Deputy Director Andrist has been a member of the CBI for nearly 14 years and most recently served as the Agent in Charge of the Gaming & Organized Crime Unit. Prior to Andrist's work in Gaming, he worked as a field agent in the Major Crimes Unit. Deputy Director Andrist has more than 24 years of law enforcement experience.

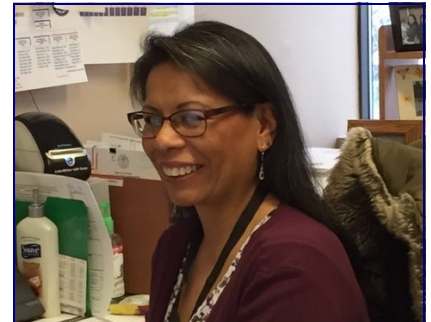
Deputy Director Mink brings more than 40 years of law enforcement experience to the CBI in his role of overseeing the critical CBI Investigations function where agents and analysts are assigned to regional offices and satellite locations throughout the state. Deputy Director Mink was the longtime sheriff of Jefferson County prior to joining the CBI in early 2015.

Administration

Administrative Services

CBI Administrative Services consists of the offices of the Director and the Deputy Director overseeing Criminal Justice Information Services, Financial Services, Human Resources, Professional Standards and Public Information.

In early 2015, Patti Penn became the new Human Resources Liaison. Patti joined Administrative Services from the CBI Investigations Section to coordinate the hiring processes for CBI positions.



Administrative services hosted three formal Oath of Office ceremonies involving 61 employees being sworn into office in 2015. The events enabled friends and family members of new hires to take part in a welcome celebration at CBI headquarters.

Financial Services

Comprised of accounting, budget and procurement functions, the six person Financial Services Unit was responsible for overseeing CBI's \$36 million dollar budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16. In addition to General Fund monies, the team coordinated efforts to disperse more than \$4 million in grant funding to augment existing services, and managed the Bureau's cash-funded programs.



The Financial Services Unit also assisted Forensic Services and Investigations with the acquisition of two state properties: the site for the new Pueblo Regional Office and the new Forensic Laboratory located in Arvada.

Highlight

National Denim Day occurred on April 29. CBI employees were able to wear jeans to work as a message to stand up against sexual assault and sexual violence, and support victims. Deanne Saucedo (pictured right) from Financial Services helped organize the event. More than \$250 was raised for abuse victims.



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In 2015, two of the four media events hosted by the Bureau involved the construction of the new CBI Pueblo Regional Office.

The CBI celebrated the ground-breaking of the new facility on a cold January morning. Media were invited to attend the event to learn more about the project from CBI officials, Colorado legislators, and the construction team selected to make the site a reality.

Many of the same reporters who attended the groundbreaking event joined the CBI in celebrating the grand opening of the new facility in October. In addition to learning more about operations at the office and the ceremonial ribbon-cutting at the facility, tours were offered to more than 100 guests attending the event.

Approximately a dozen media crews joined Deputy Director Jan Girten for a guided tour of the facility.



Administration

Media Relations

The CBI assigns one person to perform Media Relations/Public Information duties for the Bureau. Available to the media 24/7, the CBI Public Information Officer (PIO) addressed a record-breaking number of media inquiries in 2015. In addition to questions from reporters on a variety of topics, the PIO coordinated the Bureau's social media sites, website production, news release dissemination, community engagement efforts and internal communications.



The CBI continued efforts to expand its social media audience in 2015. By the end of the year, likes on Facebook and followers and Twitter topped 3,000 on each site. Social media posts not only featured cases in which the CBI was requested to provide investigative and/or forensic assistance, but also overviews of community events and information regarding CBI sections and units.



2015 marked the first full year of the CBI's updated website. With an entirely redesigned look, the CBI website provides real-time updates and robust information in a searchable format. Through an improved analytics feature, results have indicated that [CBI website](#) traffic has exceeded 60,000 visits each month since transitioning to the new platform.

CBI Media Relations	2015	2014
News Releases	46	33
Media Inquiries	600	504
CORA Requests	27	20
News Conferences/Media Events	4	2

Highlight

At the conclusion of 2015, the CBI logged 3,700 followers on Twitter and 3,000 likes on Facebook.



CBI Spotlight



In 2015, Agent in Charge Jan Dempsey retired from the CBI following 20 years of service.

AIC Dempsey played a significant role in the CBI's first-ever CALEA accreditation in 2014, and many other important contributions during her career.

AIC Greg Sadar joined the Office of Professional Standards team in December.

The CBI hosted five new employee orientations in 2015. Representatives from every section/unit presented to the 47 new CBI members in attendance at the sessions.



Administration

Office of Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is responsible for the operation of programs concentrating on employee accountability. The primary functions of the OPS involve coordinating accreditation efforts with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), overseeing staff inspections, Bureau-wide training coordination, managing the compliment and complaint process and conducting internal affairs investigations.

CALEA accreditation provides standards for an agency to evaluate operations to ensure accountability and meet and/or exceed best practices in the industry. The CBI began to prepare for the mock assessment slated for 2016, knowing the full CALEA on-site review is on the radar for 2017.



The OPS also manages the CBI's Compliments and Complaints process, made available through the [CBI website](#). Compliments, complaints and general inquiries are received through other means; however, the public website provides a proactive approach to welcome feedback from both citizens and CBI employees in an easy-to-use format. The OPS tracks these requests and ensures each receives a timely and thorough response. The CBI received seven complaints, 10 compliments and 141 general inquiries through the website in 2015. The OPS tracks these requests ensuring each receives a timely and thorough response.

The CBI is committed to maintaining the integrity of its members and upholding the trust of stakeholders throughout the community. To preserve that integrity and trust, the CBI staffs an Internal Affairs Unit to investigate formal complaints regarding the actions of CBI staff. One internal affairs investigation was conducted by OPS in 2015. The investigation resulted in an employee separation.



The OPS is also responsible for the CBI's reporting and inspection processes as required by CALEA standards. This inspection process includes Bureau-wide staff and line inspections, evidence and property inspections, drug and alcohol screening, policy development, management of CBI member actions and others.

Highlight

OPS moved forward in obtaining the Distance Learning Management System to track training not only for CBI staff, but for all of CDPS and Bureau customers. Plans are to launch the new system in 2016.



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In the summer of 2015, the Crime Information Management Unit (CIMU) became the new title for the group formerly known as the Program Support Unit.

"We are excited to utilize the name change of the unit as an opportunity to effectively brand the exemplary efforts of the CIMU team with our public safety partners and Colorado communities," said Agent In Charge Christian Mohr.

The CIMU team hosted an open house to celebrate the name change.

Pictured below (left to right): Marci Vandeventer, Sid Profancik and Anita Palmerino were recognized at a celebration in honor of each of their 20 years of service in CIMU.



Criminal Justice Information Services

Criminal Justice Information Services

The CBI's Criminal Justice Information Services section is comprised of three unique units serving more than one million citizens each year through background checks for a variety of purposes and providing access to public safety information. The Crime Information Management Unit manages the policies and business practices followed by Colorado criminal justice agencies regarding numerous criminal justice computer systems, including the Colorado Crime Information Center (CCIC) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer databases and the International Public Safety and Justice Network. The Identification Unit maintains and updates information in multiple databases providing critical background checks for dozens of professions in Colorado. The InstaCheck Unit is responsible for ensuring proper procedures, along with state and federal guidelines are adhered to by citizens wanting to purchase a firearm.

Crime Information Management Unit

The Crime Information Management Unit (CIMU) consists of three sections: Colorado Crime Information Center (CCIC), Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and the Colorado Sex Offender Registry. Each system is maintained and supported by the CBI to ensure quality information is available and that each system is compliant with state and federal laws and policies governing the information. These systems support the mission of law enforcement in Colorado by enabling public safety agencies to submit information for access by other law enforcement agencies when needed. Information sharing is the foundation of effective police work, and the CIMU's mission is to ensure information is as accurate as possible.



Audits

CIMU is responsible for ensuring the quality and security of the information made available to law enforcement through the CCIC and NCIC systems. To complete this critical task, the CBI is mandated by the FBI to provide audits of all Colorado criminal justice agencies on a triennial basis. These audits allow CBI to verify all FBI and CBI policies are being followed. CIMU members conducted 53 audits in 2015.



Highlight

CIMU helps coordinate the CJIS Vendor Management program, which consolidates the fingerprint background check process so that vendors fingerprint their personnel only once for enrollment in the program.



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CBI Agent Christian Mohr was promoted to Agent in Charge overseeing the CIMU group in 2015. He came to CIMU as a member of the Investigations section assigned to the Front Range Drug Task Force.

CIMU's Ted DeRosa was selected to serve as the CBI's CJIS Compliance Officer in 2015.

Beginning in September, DeRosa began overseeing projects impacting all sections of the CBI related to systems' operations.

The goals of the position are to unify efforts within the Bureau, and to improve service to internal and external customers.

Criminal Justice Information Services

Crime Information Management Unit Sex Offender Registration Unit

In 2015, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the CBI were jointly awarded the Adam Walsh Act grant to facilitate the integration of sex offender management through the Douglas County Sex Offender Tracking and Registration (SOTAR) system, and through CCIC. Currently, Colorado has two sex offender registration programs (SOTAR and COSOR, the front end of CCIC).

When a law enforcement agency enters a registered sex offender into SOTAR, the agency must perform duplicate work to then enter the registered offender into COSOR in a separate process. This process has resulted in redundancy of efforts, and created a gap in information sharing between registration jurisdictions. Through the grant, the CBI will work with Computer Projects of Illinois to develop an interface, which will allow CBI-approved third party systems to submit registered sex offender data to CCIC directly, thereby, eliminating duplicate entry by law enforcement. The system changes are to be implemented by late 2016.

Uniform Crime Reporting

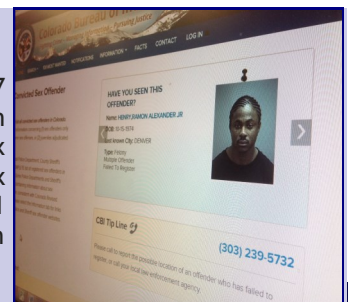
The 2014 Crime in Colorado report was released in July. Overall, Colorado saw a 1% decrease in reported crimes statewide. The category of Other Assaults saw the largest change with an increase of nearly 7%.

During 2015, the Weld County Sheriff's Office was recognized as having zero data quality errors for a 12-month period. The agency was presented an award for this accomplishment. In addition, honorable mentions were sent to the Durango and Sterling police departments, Montrose County Sheriff's Office and the Telluride Marshal's Office. These four agencies had 11 months of error-free data. Data integrity continues to serve as an essential part of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

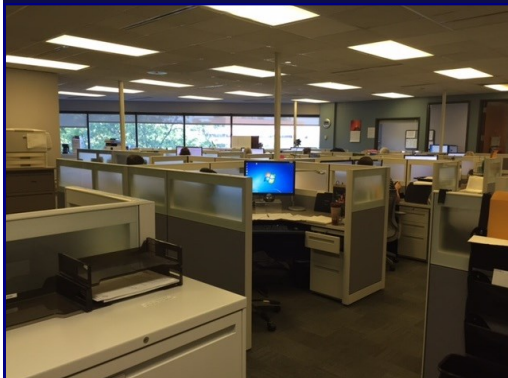


Highlight

In 2015, the CBI [Sex Offender Registry](#) processed 22,157 emails from out-of-state agencies requesting information on and/or providing the Bureau with information on sex offenders. CIMU processed 3,732 notices about sex offenders relocating to different locations, and 601 orders discontinuing sex offenders' registration requirements.



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The Identification Unit's Data Integrity office was remodeled to maximize space including the addition of new cubicles, paint and carpet in 2015. Housed in the location formerly assigned to the InstaCheck Unit, the comprehensive construction project was completed in less than a week. The carpet, paint and cubicles completely transformed the area for the 20 Data Integrity Specialists of the Identification Unit.

Following a 34-year career with the CBI, Vicki Cummins concluded her CBI service in August of 2015. Vicki served as a Fingerprint Examiner I during her stellar career. In addition to her fingerprint work, Vicki was responsible for training new and existing employees. She was also a valued member of the Training and Quality Control (TAQC) team writing procedures as well as training the Ident team on the information and updates.

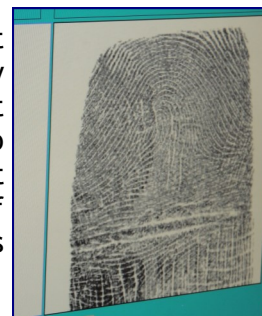


Criminal Justice Information Services

Identification

The Identification Unit is the state repository for criminal history record information and operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. Criminal history records are created when fingerprints are submitted to the CBI in conjunction with the arrests of individuals anywhere in Colorado.

Fingerprints are submitted to the Identification Unit either electronically through a LiveScan system, or by mail in the form of physical fingerprint cards. Once at the CBI, fingerprints are processed through the Morpho Biometric Fingerprint Identification System (MBIS). At the conclusion of 2015, there were 2.9 million sets of ten prints in the system, as well as 530,923 palm prints and 25,031 unsolved latent images.



Criminal history records are continually updated with the submission of new fingerprints associated with new subsequent arrests, as well as disposition information that is provided by the courts or other criminal justice agencies. The Identification Unit has a number of other responsibilities, including the sealing of criminal records based on orders from the courts.

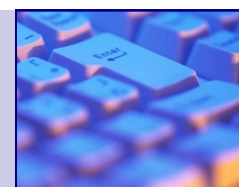
Criminal History Background Checks

The Identification Unit responds to requests for fingerprint-based and name-based criminal history record checks from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, the private sector and the public. Fingerprint-based criminal history record checks are required by 68 separate state statutes for employment in professions such as teachers, daycare workers, massage therapists and Realtors®, etc. In many of these cases, the CBI is also statutorily required to provide subsequent arrest information to the employing or licensing agency if an enrolled person is arrested in the state. The Identification Unit also processes fingerprint cards submitted for Concealed Handgun Permit applicants.

Identification Unit Statistics	2015 Checks Received	2014 Checks Received
Arrest Fingerprint Cards	238,432	235,136
Civil/Applicant Fingerprint Cards	171,936	152,387
Citizen Accessed Checks Via Internet (name-based)	340,861	345,175

Highlight

CBI's Identification Unit sealed 3,354 criminal records in 2015.



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LiveScan Upgrade Project

LiveScan systems are devices that allow for the electronic capture and transmission of fingerprint images to the MBIS system (housed at the CBI) by other law enforcement agencies and entities. The primary submitters of arrestee fingerprints are the state's 64 county sheriffs, all of which received LiveScan systems pursuant to a grant in 2003. By 2010, most agencies still operated with the original LiveScan system, which had reached "end-of-life" capability, and in many cases had begun to fail, or did fail. The CBI collaborated with the County Sheriffs of Colorado organization, which represents the state's sheriffs, to replace these critical systems. By the end of 2015, nearly 76 law enforcement agencies had received new systems made possible by the grant funding.



Mobile ID Project

In 2013, the CBI Identification Unit launched the Mobile ID project to aid officers and deputies as part of their patrol duties. These pocket-sized devices allow officers in the field to identify subjects within seconds after obtaining two fingerprints. The fingerprints are then compared against records in Colorado's MBIS and the FBI's Repository of Individuals of Special Concern (RISC) systems for potential matches.

With 450 devices in the field, the Mobile ID Units were used 6,668 times in Colorado in 2015. This resulted in 675 FBI RISC matches and 5,064 CBI matches or a 76% CBI hit rate. The hits included one individual wanted for multiple counts of homicide. Other matches involved warrants for drug charges, burglary, fraud, aggravated motor vehicle theft and failure to register as a sex offender. Several Colorado law enforcement agencies purchased the devices to use in daily operations in 2015.



In addition to determining if the person being contacted has outstanding warrants, the mobile identification system serves as an important tool in preventing a person contacted in the field from using a false name, thus maintaining the integrity of records and reducing the opportunity for identity theft.

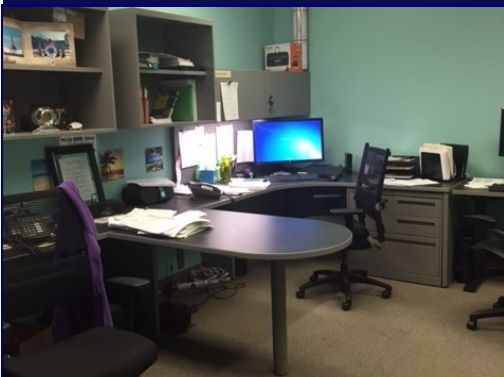
Highlight

Jim Skulavik (pictured right), a Fingerprint Examiner I with the Identification Unit, celebrated his 20-year service anniversary in 2015.



Melissa Hemme (pictured above taking the Oath of Office) was promoted to the position of Data Supervisor in the Identification Unit in 2015. Her role is to supervise Data Integrity Specialists within the Identification Unit.

The Identification Unit required expanded office space to accommodate work on a variety of Biometric projects. The remodeled office allows adequate space for the Biometric Program Management Unit to move forward with the Mobile ID project and the implementation of the new Secure Document Delivery System, which is set to launch in 2016. Another comprehensive project involves the CBI Facial Recognition program.



CBI Spotlight



For the second year in a row, members of CBI InstaCheck hosted a clothing drive for homeless veterans living in our community. In just a few short weeks, the InstaCheck team (and other CBI members) donated new and gently used clothing including jeans, sweaters, jackets, and an assortment of new shoes for local homeless veterans. In addition, a CBI employee donated several heavy-duty backpacks for our service men and women in desperate need.

Nearly 20 large bags of clothes and other items were collected for veterans.



Criminal Justice Information Services

InstaCheck

Colorado's InstaCheck Unit is responsible for conducting background checks for the purchase of firearms in the state. InstaCheck serves as the FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) state point of contact for this process, and is only one of 13 states designated to serve in this capacity.

In addition to the NICS checks for firearms purchases, InstaCheck provides local law enforcement agencies the ability to conduct checks for the purpose of releasing firearms from evidence. InstaCheck also addresses appeals for firearms purchase denials and processes background checks on behalf of Colorado sheriffs for Concealed Handgun Permits. CBI InstaCheck is staffed by a total of 40 employees, including supervisors.



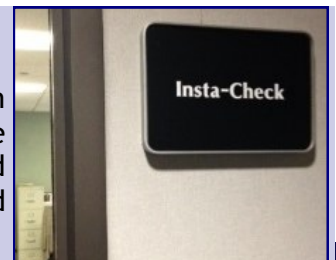
Firearm transfers comprise the bulk of InstaCheck operations during which staff conduct the NICS background checks on behalf of those purchasing a firearm through a Federal Firearm Licensee (FFL). Not only are these checks conducted through retail sales at stores but also all gun shows held throughout the state. InstaCheck conducted 350,553 firearm background checks in 2015, representing a significant increase from 2014.

One of the benefits of the CBI serving as the point of contact for the NICS checks is that staff has access to four additional databases not available through the federal NICS system. Access to these systems resulted in approximately 1,956 additional denials that were only available to the CBI and would not have been identified through the FBI NICS program.

InstaCheck Firearm Transfers	2015	2014
Approvals	342,839	308,908
Denials	7,714	6,068

Highlight

The wait time for a background check for a firearm transfer averaged 12 minutes 28 seconds during the year. Of all firearms background checks conducted by CBI's InstaCheck Unit, nearly 98% were approved in 2015.



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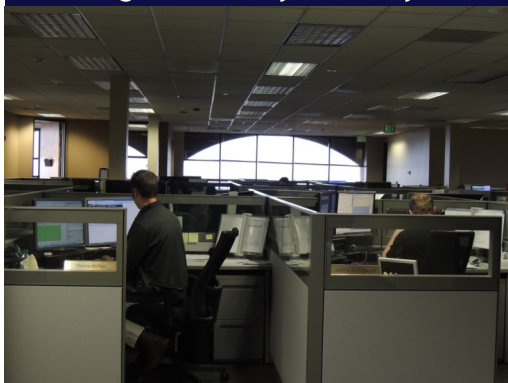


Did you know Black Friday is traditionally the busiest day of the year for InstaCheck?

There were no signs of slowing in 2015, as the InstaCheck team processed 4,119 background checks for firearms transfers the day after Thanksgiving.

The CBI InstaCheck team configured staffing to maximize efficiency and expanded operational hours during the Black Friday shopping event. The day began for the InstaCheck staff at 2:30 a.m. and the office did not close until 9:00 p.m. that night.

In addition to expanded hours of operation, the CBI provided real-time updates about the processing time via social media throughout the day on Friday.



Criminal Justice Information Services

InstaCheck Appeals

The Appeals section provides a process for individuals to appeal a firearms transfer denial and offers information to appellants on what constitutes a denial of firearms transfer pursuant to law. In addition to conducting the research on the appeals, state law requires InstaCheck to update criminal histories to reflect any changes discovered in the appeals process. State law also requires the appeals process to be completed within 30 days.

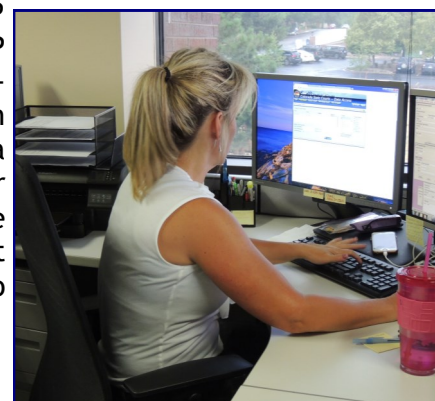
InstaCheck Appeals	2015	2014
Total Denials	7,714	6,068
Total Appeals	4,054	3,269
Denials Reversed	2,080	1,705

Concealed Handgun Permits

The Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) section conducts firearm eligibility background checks and reviews state/federal fingerprint results on behalf of Colorado sheriffs. Once this information is completed, the five-person CHP team forwards this critical information to the state's issuing agencies as part of the decision-making process for someone to legally carry a firearm in a concealed manner.

In addition to this work, InstaCheck also functions as the point of contact for all CHP Reciprocity issues for the State of Colorado. Finally, the team conducts annual CHP training with Colorado sheriffs regarding state and federal firearm and concealed carry laws.

InstaCheck conducted 37,400 CHP background checks in 2015. While CHP background checks have been lower compared to the record number submitted in 2013, the CHP Section has seen a significant increase in applications over the past decade. For comparison, the number of concealed handgun permit applications grew from 6,212 in 2003 to 37,400 in 2015.

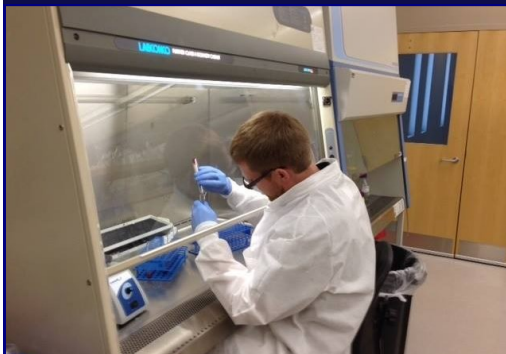


Highlight

In 2015, InstaCheck assisted local law enforcement with the arrest of 251 people who attempted to purchase a firearm while they had active warrants. These individuals were arrested by local law enforcement across Colorado.



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CBI Forensic Services launched toxicology analysis on July 1, 2015. Toxicology is the first new discipline added to Forensic Services since DNA analysis began in the 1990s. Toxicology is the analysis of biological samples, typically blood or urine, for the presence of alcohol and drugs. Toxicology analysis was performed in the Grand Junction Lab in the early months of operation; however, toxicology testing began to be performed in the Pueblo Lab upon the opening of the new facility in the fall of 2015. The Denver Forensic Science Laboratory plans to launch toxicology services in 2016. In just six months of operation, the CBI Toxicology section tested 1,490 samples for alcohol and drugs across Colorado.



Effective July 1, 2015

ANNOUNCING

**NEW FORENSIC
TOXICOLOGY SERVICES**

*Alcohol and Drug Testing
Denver, Pueblo, Grand Junction and
Northern Region Forensic Laboratories*



Forensic Services

Forensic Services

The staff of Forensic Services is responsible for the collection and preservation of evidence at crime scenes and the subsequent analysis of the physical evidence. Forensic Services operates three full service laboratories in Denver, Grand Junction and Pueblo with regional facilities in Greeley and Boulder. The Denver location operates the state's COMBINED DNA INDEX SYSTEM (CODIS) Database. Crime Scene Analysts travel throughout Colorado to process scenes, while more than 75 scientists in five locations conduct analysis in nine forensic disciplines: biology, DNA, latent prints, impression evidence, firearms, toolmarks (including serial number restoration), drug chemistry, trace chemistry and toxicology. The CBI partners with the Northern Colorado Regional Laboratory in Greeley, a full service lab serving northern law enforcement. The Boulder High-throughput DNA Lab focuses on the analysis of DNA evidence from property crimes throughout Colorado. Forensic Services utilizes state-of-the-art techniques and equipment to ensure the most accurate and effective analysis for stakeholders.



Forensic Services Disciplines

Crime Scene Analysis

Crime Scene Analysts respond to requests from law enforcement agencies in the technical investigation of crime scenes, including the documentation, collection, and preservation of evidence.



Digital and Multimedia Evidence

This analysis includes the examination and interpretation of audio and video evidence along with computers and cell phones.

DNA Casework

This work includes the extraction, quantification, amplification, analysis, interpretation, and possible CODIS entry of DNA profiles.

Highlight

In addition to responding to more than 100 crime scenes in 2015, CBI Crime Scene Analysts are frequently asked to provide community presentations.



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Congratulations to Shanley Brezen (pictured right) and Huyen Vu (pictured left) of Forensic Services, who had outstanding performances at the Colorado State Patrol Fit Games held in August. Shanley finished first overall and Huyen finished third overall in the competition.

CBI honored the work of forensic scientists assigned to CBI laboratories around the state as part of National Forensic Science Week in August.

CBI Forensics hosted a live Tweet event on Twitter featuring the work of scientists, displayed banners at CBI forensic labs, and hosted a community event to collect school supplies.



Forensic Services

Forensic Services Disciplines (cont.)

DNA Database Management

This work involves laboratory technicians receiving offender samples from across the state's booking agencies and the Department of Corrections. Crime Data Specialists verify the information and qualifying crime. Next, forensic scientists conduct analysis to generate a DNA profile and entry into the COMbined DNA Index System (CODIS). Additionally, any matches requiring verification are re-analyzed by CBI scientists, and for individuals asking for their DNA profiles to be removed in accordance with Katie's Law are processed by the CBI staff.

The DNA database is the central repository for all arrestee DNA collected as part of Katie's Law and DNA from individuals convicted of felonies. The DNA profiles are entered into CODIS and searched against profiles developed from forensic casework across the state of Colorado and nationally. The section includes intake staff that receives an average of 3,500 offender samples each month.

Drug Chemistry

Drug chemistry involves the analysis and identification of controlled substances and unknown chemical substances found at crime scenes or recovered from other incidents.

Firearms and Toolmarks

Firearm and Toolmark analysis includes the forensic analysis of evidence related to the mechanical function of firearms, bullet and cartridge case comparisons, gunshot residue, serial number restorations, toolmark identification, and possible National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) entry of cartridge casings.

Latent Prints

Latent print analysis involves the development, preservation, examination, comparison, and possible Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and Next Generation identification (NGI) entry of latent finger and palm prints.

Serology

Serology includes the identification, characterization, analysis, and collection of physiological samples found at crime scenes.

Toxicology

Toxicology is the analysis of biological samples, typically blood or urine, for the presence of alcohol and drugs.



Trace Evidence

Trace evidence includes the identification, extraction and analysis of fiber, paint, gunshot residue, tape, fire debris, and other types of miscellaneous evidence found at crime scenes or recovered from other incidents.

Highlight

Grand Junction Forensic Services Agent Joe Clayton (pictured left) retired in 2015, concluding a 21-year CBI career.



CBI Spotlight



Denver Post image.

On November 27, 2015, a gunman began shooting at a Planned Parenthood in Colorado Springs. One police officer and two civilians were killed, while five police officers and four civilians were injured in the attack. The suspect, Robert Dear Jr., was arrested following a lengthy standoff.

Pueblo and Denver Forensic Services and Investigations sections were requested to assist. The CBI team spent days at the scene and followed-up on investigative leads. This outstanding teamwork and assistance provided by the CBI played a critical role in this investigation.

Members of CBI's Crime Scene Response team are often called upon to reach new heights to collect evidence. This image is from a crime scene in Grand Junction in 2015.

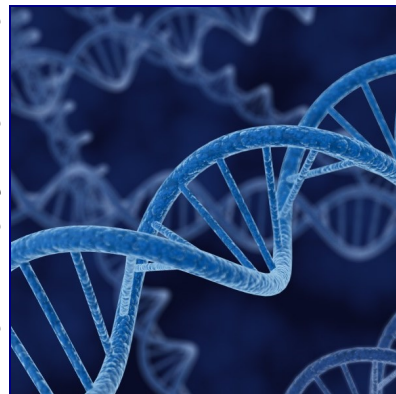


Forensic Services

Sex Assault Evidence Testing Colorado House Bill 13-1020

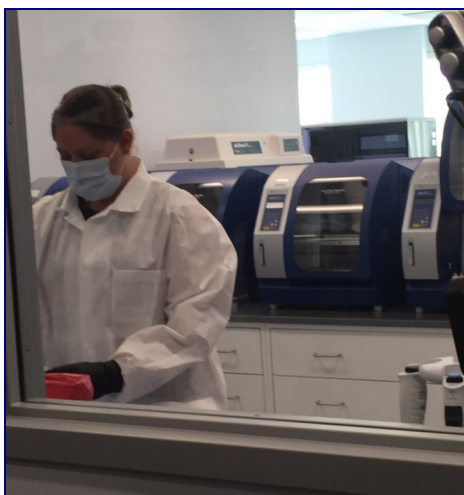
Toward the end of 2015, the CBI completed analysis of the thousands of identified and previously un-submitted sexual assault cases. At the conclusion of this project, a total of 3,524 cases were analyzed by four CBI-selected accredited vendor laboratories. From those cases, 1,556 profiles were entered into CODIS, and from those profiles, 691 investigative leads were generated.

While this was a Colorado project, the scope of this effort reached across the United States. Within the 691 matches, there were matches in 27 other states, in addition to the FBI. These cases named previously unknown suspects; identified repeat sexual offenders; and showed the power of CODIS to help solve crimes.



Additionally, the number of sex assault cases submitted by local law enforcement continued to climb in 2015.

The forensic scientists hired because of the HB13-1020 legislation continued their comprehensive DNA training in 2015, with casework production slated for 2016.



Highlight

Members of the Grand Junction Regional Office (Forensic Services and Investigations) took part in the Town of Fruita's Truck 'N Treat event in October. The team distributed 1,500 pieces of candy at the community event.



CBI Spotlight



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle created Sherlock Holmes and described forensic techniques 23 years before the first real forensic lab was ever built in 1910.

Speaking of Sherlock Holmes, members of CBI Forensic Services provided two presentations to approximately 250 volunteers at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in the fall of 2015.

The museum was preparing for the opening of its "Sherlock Holmes" exhibit in which participants analyzed a crime scene in a mock Victorian-era home, while gathering clues and reviewing evidence at interactive stations.

The event was extremely popular, and received national media coverage.



Forensic Services

Forensic Services Training & Development

Training for scientists and support staff continued to be an area of emphasis for Forensic Services in 2015. Nearly 90 scientists and support staff attended 82 different training events during the year.

Forensic scientists attended major conferences such as the American Academy of Forensic Science Annual Meeting, the Promega DNA conference, and USACIL DNA Interpretation Workshop. Evidence technicians, chemists and digital evidence analysts attended a myriad of training sessions to ensure their skills are outstanding. Meanwhile,



DNA database administrators attended the annual CODIS conference, and latent print scientists took part in the 100th Anniversary of the International Association of Identification (IAI) Conference. The staff of many other CBI forensic science disciplines attended training to demonstrate a firm commitment to the continuous improvement of staff and work product.

Laboratory Accreditation

Forensic Services received international accreditation from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) International Organization of Standards (ISO) in May.

The ASCLD/LAB ISO accreditation process encompasses more than 350 standards that must be met for designation as an accredited agency. A 13-member assessment team from across the country visited the CBI's five laboratories in April. The team reviewed five years of Forensic Services casework and instrument support documentation in conjunction with operating procedures and training manuals for all CBI Forensic Services scientific disciplines to ensure compliance with national and international industry standards.



Highlight

DNA scientist Kayleigh Matook had her Master's thesis, "Exploring the Impacts of Ordinary Laboratory Alterations During Forensic DNA Processing on Peak Height Variation, Thresholds, and Probability of Dropout," published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences.



Forensic Services Statistics

		2013		2014		2015	
Discipline	Facility	Cases Received	Cases Completed	Cases Received	Cases Completed	Cases Received	Cases Completed
DNA	Denver	1,597	1,798	2,094	1,592	2,063	2,032
	Boulder	3	120	125	390	212	735
	Grand Junction	316	392	306	341	581	729
	Greeley	251	0	461	2	645	278
	Pueblo	390	396	1,060	279	1,247	382
Drug Chemistry	Denver	1,222	614	1,135	817	1,502	618
	Boulder	0	0	24	0	23	0
	Durango	32	143	0	0	0	0
	Grand Junction	992	1,611	1,080	1,409	1,163	1,218
	Greeley	172	1,017	196	1,087	263	1,388
	Pueblo	518	135	635	53	849	270
Firearms/Toolmarks	Denver	123	197	188	241	535	515
	Boulder	0	0	3	0	5	0
	Grand Junction	34	164	49	130	66	140
	Greeley	15	1	50	63	70	140
	Pueblo	39	2	119	0	167	4
Footwear/Tire Tracks	Denver	8	2	8	0	8	1
	Boulder	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Grand Junction	3	3	7	0	3	0
	Greeley	4	1	13	18	26	22
	Pueblo	11	28	11	22	9	17
Latent Prints	Denver	331	264	356	424	396	588
	Boulder	0	0	16	0	30	0
	Grand Junction	181	245	199	238	302	329
	Greeley	346	67	533	407	488	417
	Pueblo	134	165	188	210	159	160
NIBIN	Denver	92	341	113	103	174	107
	Boulder	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Grand Junction	14	65	5	259	3	174
	Greeley	2	0	8	77	6	19
	Pueblo	84	41	62	0	289	5
Trace Chemistry	Denver	78	227	91	250	93	227
	Boulder	0	0	1	0	1	0
	Grand Junction	14	1	18	0	23	0
	Greeley	10	0	27	0	36	0
	Pueblo	53	1	53	0	85	0

CBI Spotlight



The Forensic Services Crime Scene Response team combined training efforts with the Denver Metro Crime Scene Responders to participate in a mock mass casualty scenario at a Denver elementary school in August.

The training was attended by nearly 30 responders from 11 different law enforcement agencies to work on skills such as scene diagramming, photography, bloodstain pattern documentation and trajectory analysis.

CBI's Forensic Services Benevolent Committee once again demonstrated its generosity in 2015. The team led the charge in school supply drives, toy drives and other events to help others in need.



Forensic Services

*Forensic Services Lab Summary						
	2013		2014		2015	
Location	Cases Received	Cases Completed	Cases Received	Cases Completed	Cases Received	Cases Completed
Denver	3,451	3,443	3,985	3,427	5,836	6,195
Boulder	3	120	170	390	293	735
Durango	32	143	0	0	0	0
Grand Junction	1,554	2,481	1,664	2,377	2,760	4,451
Greeley	800	1,086	1,288	1,654	1,850	2,469
Pueblo	1,229	768	2,128	564	3,423	1,310
CBI Lab Totals	7,069	8,041	9,235	8,412	14,162	15,160

*Cases completed can be greater than cases received because of casework concluded from previous years.

Katie's Law

Efforts to identify perpetrators of crime through DNA matches with offenders continue with work being completed under Katie's Law. Implemented in 2010 by the Colorado Legislature, the law enables the CBI to process DNA samples collected from adults charged with a felony. The sample is processed and the DNA profile is imported into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). The offender profile is then available to be searched against profiles from crimes occurring across the country generating investigative leads follow-up.

Katie's Law Statistics	2015	2014
Total Arrestee Samples Collected	45,239	41,892
Total Arrestee profiles entered into CODIS	33,139	28,271
Arrestee Matches	539	434

Colorado Offender Matches to Forensic Profiles		
	2015	2014
Homicide	20	28
Sex Crimes	607	167
Assault/Kidnapping	52	42
Robbery	76	82
Burglary	327	261
Other Property Crimes	314	150

Highlight

Members of Forensic Services were requested to respond to a scene in Woodland Park where human remains were located in the chimney of an abandoned cabin in 2015. The Forensic Services team identified the remains as those of Joshua Maddux, a young man who was reported missing in 2008.



CBI Spotlight



Members of the CBI Grand Junction Regional Office, including Lab Director Lance Allen and Investigations Agent in Charge Collin Reese, joined Gov. John Hickenlooper at a community forum in Montrose in August. The CBI team provided information about Bureau services and answered questions at the event.

Forensic Services continued to work cold cases utilizing new technology in 2015. CBI partnered with another accredited laboratory to use Vacuum Metal Deposition (VMD) to analyze plastic bags from a 2009 homicide. A fingerprint analyst from the Grand Junction Laboratory traveled to the Wyoming Forensic Laboratory and spent a week processing evidence in an effort to provide additional investigative leads.



Forensic Services

Laboratory Construction Arvada

With the passage of HB13-1020 (see page 16), and the increased amount sexual assault evidence being submitted for analysis, CBI Forensic Services moved forward with the construction of the new forensic laboratory in Arvada in 2015.

Built in 2004 as a private laboratory, the site provides the necessary office and lab space for the CBI. The facility is more than 24,000 square feet, about three times the amount of the current Denver Forensic Science Laboratory.

The new Forensic Science Laboratory is expected to be completed in the spring of 2016.



Pueblo

On January 5, 2015, the CBI hosted a groundbreaking ceremony at the new site of the Pueblo Regional Facility located at 79 N. Silicon Drive in Pueblo West. Members of the Colorado Legislature, local officials, public safety community members, and the construction team overseeing the project attended the ceremony. Construction of the new, 20,000 square foot facility proceeded in an expedited manner in 2015.



On October 1, 2015, the CBI hosted a grand opening ceremony at the new facility, including a ribbon-cutting event and tours of the site. The event was a tremendous success with more than 150 attendees from throughout the region. The facility was completed on time and within budget.

Highlight

In February, members of CBI's Grand Junction Office (Forensic Services and Investigations) took part in National Wear Red Day to raise awareness about heart disease.

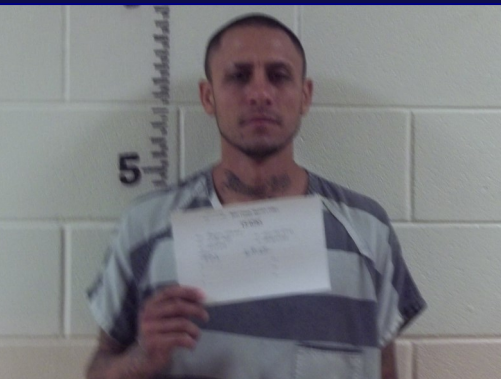


CBI Spotlight



CBI agents, the Carbondale Police Department and the 9th Judicial District Attorney's Office were part of a comprehensive investigation involving a Garfield County man who allegedly murdered his wife in February. Arturo Navarrete-Portillo of Carbondale was arrested and charged with first-degree murder of his wife, Maria Carmina Portillo-Amaya. He's slated for trial in 2016.

CBI Pueblo agents were requested to investigate a suspicious death occurring in Rocky Ford in July. Rocky Ford resident, Edward Lawrence Aragon, was arrested in connection with Amanda Velasquez-Ybarra's death and faces charges of first-degree murder.



Investigations

Investigations

Agents and Analysts with the CBI Investigations Section provide a full range of criminal investigative assistance to local law enforcement. The types of crimes investigated often include homicide, arson, officer-involved uses of force, sexual assault and public corruption. The CBI responds at the request of a police chief, sheriff or district attorney. Additionally, the CBI performs investigations of suspected criminal activity when directed by the Governor, and has the statutory authority to initiate investigations into organized crime, identity theft/fraud, gaming, cyber crime, and fugitive apprehension.



In 2015, CBI agents were requested to either assist or serve as the lead in hundreds of criminal investigations across the state by agents and analysts housed in CBI offices in Denver, Grand Junction and Pueblo with satellite locations in Durango and Montrose.

Investigations Overview	2015	2014
Tips/Tasks	3,273	3,008
Cases Assigned	505	217
Arrests	52	35
Employment Background	81	187



Highlight

CBI Deputy Directors Chris Andrist and Ted Mink welcomed members of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association for an overview of CBI operations and tour of headquarters in September.



CBI Spotlight



Pictured above are Agent Means and K9 Riley in responding to a fire in Lakewood in 2015. When the pair are not sorting through evidence at the scene of an investigation, they constantly train to ensure they are operating at peak performance.

In addition to responding to fires across the state, CBI's Fire Dog team made a Red Carpet stop at the 2015 Hallmark Channel's American Humane Association Hero Dog celebration. Beloved actress Betty White showed her support of CBI's K9 team at the event as well.



Investigations

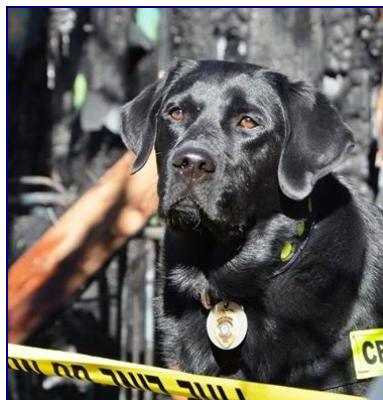
Arson Investigations

CBI Agent Jerry Means and K9 Riley comprise the Arson Investigation Unit. Assigned to CBI headquarters in Lakewood, Agent Means and K9 Riley are routinely requested to respond to fire scene across Colorado. CBI's internationally certified Fire Dog team works to determine the origin of a fire, execute search warrants, aids in insurance research and provides investigative follow-up.

As a way to celebrate both two-legged and four-legged heroes, State Farm® Insurance hosted a K9 heroes book signing event at a Westminster bookstore in June. Agent Means, along with K9 Riley and K9 Sadie (ret.), joined service dogs from the U.S. Air Force at the community event. Agent Means signed copies of a children's book titled **Sadie: The Dog Who Finds the Evidence** during the celebration.



CBI Fire Dog Program	2015	2014
Fire Responses	70	67



Highlight

This "Throwback Thursday" image of K9 Riley as a puppy was one of the most popular posts shared by the CBI on its social media sites in 2015.



CBI Spotlight



The CBI Cold Case playing card program was once again featured by the media in 2015. With the addition of two more playing card decks and distribution in more detention facilities across the state, the program received national media coverage.

The playing cards were inspired by the "Personality Identification Playing Cards," used by the U.S. Military to identify members of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003. Additionally, several states have implemented playing card programs featuring cold cases, and have recorded significant successes in receiving viable tips leading to arrests and convictions in these important cases.

The CBI created a Cold Case Tip Line to manage calls connected with the playing cards to relay potential leads to the appropriate investigating agency.



Investigations

Cold Cases

The role of CBI's Cold Case Unit is to gather information in an effort to update and maintain the statewide electronic database that is available to the public. The comprehensive site features information on more than 1,600 cold case homicides, long-term missing persons and unidentified remains cases throughout Colorado dating back to the early 1970s. In 2015, the CBI continued to focus efforts on expanding the number of victim photographs in the database and enhancing the case narratives.

The Cold Case Unit provided a number of training courses attended by local law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys' offices with funding assistance from Colorado POST during the year. Training focused on investigative strategies and best practices of cold cases beginning with what steps investigating agencies should take to provide more thorough and comprehensive initial investigation and documentation to aid in the solvability of these cases.

The CBI Cold Case Review Team is comprised of nearly 30 experts including agents, investigators, forensic scientists, district attorneys, forensic pathologists, analysts, and others from the public safety community. The team reviews investigative information from cold cases and provides the originating law enforcement agency with valuable input on possible new strategies for an investigation. In 2015, the Cold Case Review Team met with four different Colorado law enforcement agencies that presented information on five cold cases.



Highlight

Audrey Simkins was a guest on Colorado Public Radio's Colorado Matters in December. The segment featured the work of Analyst Simkins involving cold cases in the state and the Cold Case playing card program.



CBI Spotlight



Community awareness is a critical component of the Identity Theft & Fraud Unit. The team provides dozens of public presentations and interviews with the media, and attends numerous community events to promote identity theft and fraud awareness across Colorado.

In addition to the Lakewood Police Department and Elbert County community shred event, CBI Grand Junction partnered with Alpine Bank to host a document destruction event in the spring of 2015. Thousands of pounds of documents were destroyed during the free event. In addition to protecting identities through document destruction, visitors donated thousands of pounds of canned goods for local food banks.



Investigations

Cyber Crime

Colorado House Bill 14-1095 created Colorado's first-ever Cyber Crime enforcement team to help protect information, computer networks and critical infrastructure through education and prosecution of cyber crime attacks.

CBI hired two criminal investigators in January 2015 as part of this legislation. The team is currently assigned to the FBI Cyber Crime Task Force. The team is responsible for investigating network intrusions that affect both state and private businesses. These network intrusions involve malware, skimmers, phishing and other computer crimes (bullying, harassment, stalking, etc.), that impact victims.

2015 Cyber Crime Stats

Network Intrusion—Type			
State	School	Public	Private
3	9	3	24
Education			
Mitigation	Education	Community Outreach	
43	184	409	
Victims & Loss			
Known Victims	Estimated Victims	Estimated Loss	
433	1.7m	\$1,192,325.00	

Mitigation, education and community outreach played a pivotal role in the operation of the Cyber Crime Unit, as the agents assigned to this team presented various cyber-related topics during the year.

Identity Theft & Fraud Investigations

The CBI Identity Theft & Fraud team provides criminal investigation, criminal intelligence, victim assistance services and professional community education programs regarding identity theft and fraud. This highly skilled team is considered a leader in law enforcement through efforts to combat the pervasive crimes of identity theft and fraud. With regard to business identity theft, the unit has been recognized as state and national experts. CBI agents have investigated nearly 800 business identity theft cases since 2010.



Highlight

In 2015, members of the CBI Identity Theft Unit provided a number of media interviews to share information about prevention tips involving the latest scams.



CBI Spotlight



The ID Theft Victim Assistance Program houses Colorado's first and only 24-Hour Identity Theft & Fraud Hotline to ensure victims and law enforcement have access to support and assistance "24-7." The toll free number allows victims to contact the CBI at no cost. Victims are provided with the emotional support and resources necessary to take the first steps needed to respond to identity theft and to prevent on-going abuse. In 2015, the hotline received 560 victim calls related to ID Theft or Fraud, and countless information and referral calls.



Investigations

Identity Theft & Fraud (cont.)

The Identity Theft Unit received thousands of calls from citizens in 2015. Members of the unit coordinated with local, state, federal and international law enforcement agencies to combat the crimes of identity theft and fraud.

The Identity Theft & Fraud Unit is dedicated to assisting victims of these crimes through every avenue available. CBI agents provide investigative services to those impacted by the crimes of identity theft and fraud. An intelligence analyst provides support and specialized assistance to law enforcement, prosecutors and other professionals involving the response to the crimes of ID theft and fraud. The Bureau is also committed to assisting victims of these crimes in accessing identity theft resources, coping with the trauma and minimizing the long-term effects of ID theft and fraud.



CBI ID Theft Investigations		
Fiscal Year	FY 2014-15	FY 2013-14
Victims	118	30
Estimated Loss	\$5,722,000	\$1,400,000
Arrests	10	13

ID Theft & Fraud Victim Advocacy Program

In 2010, the CBI established a Victim Assistance Program to support crime victims with reporting, responding to and repairing the damage caused by identity theft and fraud. In 2015, the Identity Theft Victim Advocate provided comprehensive victim assistance services to more than 1,500 crime victims.

CBI ID Theft Unit Victim Advocacy 2015	
Victims—Advocate Assistance	978
Victims—Hotline Calls	560
Training & Outreach	1,538



Highlight

The [CBI ID Theft & Fraud Unit Facebook](#) page used the Valentine's Day holiday as a way to offer tips on the prevention of romance scams.

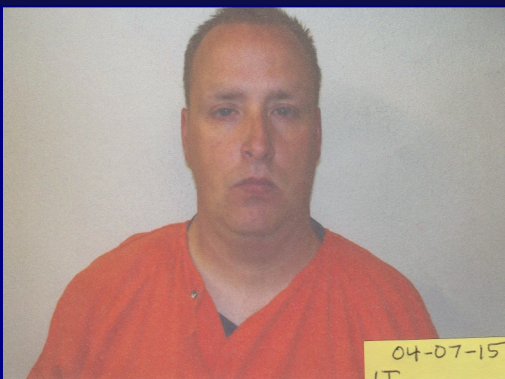


CBI Spotlight



CBI Grand Junction updated the software for its law enforcement firearms training simulator in 2015. The VirTra system increased the number of scenarios with focus on terror attacks, school shootings and home invasions. In this 300-degree wrap-around simulator, police can train for the most difficult real-world situations, such as ambushes and active shooters, while maintaining situational awareness during extreme stress.

CBI agents arrested a Walsenburg man in connection with an alleged child sexual assault in Park County in 2008. Marc Ziolkowski was arrested in Goodland, Kansas on April 7, 2015, and faces charges of sexual assault on a child (class 3 Felony). He was taken to the Wallace County Jail in Sharon Springs, Kansas and held without bond.



Investigations

Major Crimes

The CBI's Major Crimes Unit is frequently called upon to assist local law enforcement and district attorney offices with criminal investigations throughout the state. Within the Major Crimes Unit, agents and analysts are assigned to various task forces in the Denver metro area.

In 2015, a major investigative operation focused on the important community issue of Human Trafficking. CBI agents, the FBI and more than two dozen other local law enforcement investigators participated in a nationwide effort to address the crime of Human Trafficking as part of Operation Cross County IX in the summer of 2015.



The CBI operation focused on an undercover sting in a Colorado casino, and had the full support of law enforcement and the gaming community to successfully conduct this comprehensive campaign. Results from the operation included multiple arrests of suspects, and one juvenile female taken into protective custody. FBI officials hosted a joint news conference with the CBI and other law enforcement to announce the results of the operation.



Highlight

Agent Kevin Hyland (pictured right) retired from the CBI in 2015 following a 27-year career in state service. He left the CBI Gaming Unit to join the private sector.



CBI Spotlight



CBI marked National Missing Children's Day with a special event on the steps of the state Capitol building in May.

CBI Director Ron Sloan (ret.) presented awards to the top three winners of the statewide 'Bring Our Children Home' poster contest at the event.

Aurora's Global Village Academy student, Brooklynn Tucker, submitted a creative and colorful poster featuring a mom and daughter hugging inside a large heart. The artwork represented a reunited family.

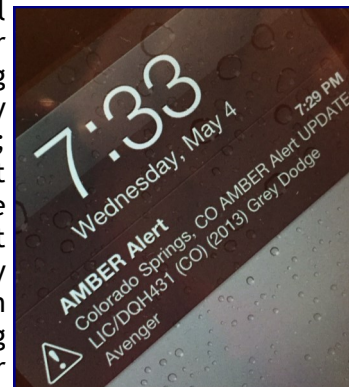
Joining the CBI at the event was CHEEZ-O from the First Judicial District Attorney's Office and representatives from the Aurora and Lakewood police departments.



Investigations

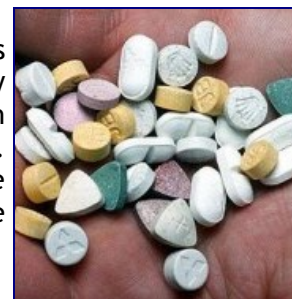
Missing Persons

The CBI Missing Persons Unit assists families, law enforcement, community groups and national organizations dedicated to the return of missing individuals in Colorado and across the country. State statute details the CBI's specific role in providing media notifications including the AMBER Alert (missing and/or abducted children); Senior Alert (missing individuals 60 years and older with a verified impaired mental condition where there is a credible threat to their safety); Developmental Disabilities Alert (missing person with a verified developmental disability where there is a credible threat to their safety); Blue Alert (to notify the public about a suspect who has seriously injured or killed a police officer), Medina Alert (to share information about hit-and-run accidents involving serious bodily injury), and the Media Alert (to send information to the media to raise awareness when a missing person does not meet the criteria for any other alerts).



Off-Site Investigations

Front Range Drug Task Force (FRDTF)—This team is comprised of five different local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and is a designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force. The mission of the FRDTF is to disrupt and dismantle major drug trafficking organizations that are frequently international in scope.



In 2015, FRDTF activity showed law enforcement assigned to the team seized 22 pounds of Heroin, 36 pounds of Cocaine, 75 pounds of Meth and Meth ICE, and nearly two pounds of Club Drugs (Ecstasy) during the year. The team was also responsible for 25 arrests during the year.

Social Security Administration (SSA) for Cooperative Disability Investigations Fraud Unit (CDI)—The CBI assigns two agents and one analyst to assist in the investigation of potential fraudulent claims for Social Security benefits. The CDI Program currently consists of 37 units in 31 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. From inception through December 2015, the CDI program efforts nationwide resulted in \$3.3 billion in projected savings to SSA's Title II and SSI disability programs and \$2.2 billion in Non-SSA programs.

Highlight

There were three AMBER Alert notifications in Colorado in 2015. In addition to alert information, a handful of media outlets produced feature stories about the Colorado AMBER Alert program during the year.



CBI Spotlight



CBI Investigations welcomed its newest member in 2015: Deputy Director Ted Mink (pictured far left). Others in the picture include Deputy Director Chris Andrist (second from left) and Agent in Charge Christian Mohr, who was promoted to serve as the leader of the Crime Information Management Unit in 2015. Agent in Charge Tim Martinez (pictured far right) transferred to Investigations to oversee the Organized Crime and Gaming Unit during the year.

September 25th marked the 9th annual National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims in the United States.

The CBI joined law enforcement and the families and friends of those who lost their lives to homicide to honor and remember their legacies on this important day.



Investigations

Off-Site Investigations

Rocky Mountain Regional Computer Forensics Lab (RMRCFL)—The RMRCFL is a multi-agency, FBI sponsored project specifically tasked to examine computers and other digital media as part of criminal investigations. The CBI assigns one agent to work with the team.

The RMRCFL is an accredited lab, and is one of 16 regional computer labs in the nation. The team, comprised of local, state and federal law enforcement, provides digital forensic services to the public safety community in Colorado and Wyoming.

2015—RMRCFL Exams, Search & Imaging Support Statistics		
	Count	Total Terabytes
Completed Exams	13	9.594
Completed Image Support	8	5.24
Total Exams & Searches	23	14.834

Organized Crime & Gaming

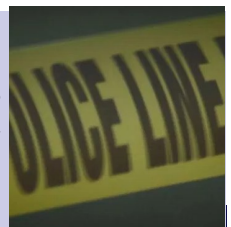
The Organized Crime and Gaming Unit is responsible for conducting investigations and law enforcement oversight relating to violations of the Colorado Organized Crime Act as it pertains to organized crime infiltrating and influencing limited gaming in the state. The unit also provides criminal intelligence related to illegal gambling and organized crime in the state. In 2015, members of the unit responded to 372 requests for assistance, developed 35 criminal investigations and conducted 261 background database investigations. The team was also responsible for 14 arrests during the year.



In 2015, the proactive efforts by the CBI Gaming Unit in conjunction with CBI Pueblo Investigations, the West Metro Drug Task Force and officers with the Cripple Creek Police Department resulted in the identification of individuals allegedly selling drugs in Colorado's gaming communities. Multiple undercover operations resulted in three different drug distribution cases being filed in Gilpin County and two separate narcotics cases in Cripple Creek.

Highlight

The CBI assigned one agent to the Rocky Mountain Safe Streets Task Force beginning in February. The agent is working with a number of law enforcement agencies investigating organized crime and developing leads on other cases in the region.



CBI Spotlight



Did you know one of the CBI's polygraph specialists serves as the Agent in Charge overseeing the Investigations section at the CBI Pueblo Regional Office?

AIC Wright shared her expertise in the field of polygraph examinations with psychology students at Westcliffe High School in December.

The Westcliffe students and AIC Wright worked through a polygraph exercise that offered a look at the complex and comprehensive components of polygraph examinations.

This was the third year AIC Wright hosted the event for the students.

CBI Investigations and the Lakewood Police Department teamed up to host a drug take back event near CBI headquarters on September 26. The agencies co-hosted a community shred event earlier in the year.

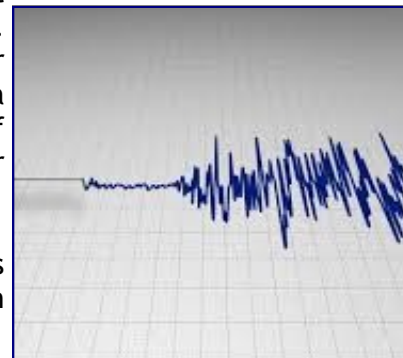


Investigations

Polygraph

A critical function of a law enforcement operation is the use of the polygraph. Whether it's for a criminal investigation or utilized during the hiring process of a potential employee, the effectiveness of the polygraph has been demonstrated for decades.

The CBI's eight polygraph examiners conducted 225 polygraph examinations in 2015.



Sex Offender Investigations

The CBI Major Crimes Unit dedicates one intelligence analyst to assist in locating fugitives sought for sex crimes, as mandated by CRS 16-22-115. The analyst assists federal, state, and local agencies in determining the whereabouts of offenders who have absconded from sex offender registration. The CBI analyst collaborates with the Crime Information Management Unit (CIMU) of CBI as well as the Sex Offender Management Board (housed in the Division of Criminal Justice) to assess and locate individuals who must register with local law enforcement agencies.

Statistics obtained from Colorado law enforcement agencies indicate approximately 900 fugitive sex offenders are wanted in Colorado. These fugitives have commonly either failed to register as sex offenders, failed to appear for court, failed to comply with court orders related to sex offenses, and/or have a new sex offense warrant issued for their arrest. Analytical resources are utilized to assist agencies who attempt to bring the fugitives into compliance.



The analyst assigned to sex offender investigations also configures and publishes the "Top 100" sex offender fugitives list, which is available for viewing on the CBI website.

Highlight

In 2015, 51 offenders who appeared on the Top 100 Most Wanted Fugitives list were arrested. Fugitives with longstanding warrants were arrested more frequently in 2015 than in 2014.



CBI Spotlight



Director Ron Sloan retired from the CBI in the summer of 2015. He departed the Bureau after serving nearly seven years in the position. During his tenure, the CBI expanded operations and earned international accreditation through various law enforcement and forensic science organizations.

CBI Director Ron Sloan (ret.) was honored with the Charles K. "Pat" Steele award at the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police meeting for his outstanding contributions to law enforcement and the people of Colorado in 2015. Sloan (pictured below, right) was presented the award by Chief Rick Brandt of the Erie Police Department.



Vision & Mission

Vision

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation is Colorado's premier criminal justice agency, providing excellence in leadership, service, and support to Colorado's citizens and communities.

Mission

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation will:

- Suppress crime, promote safety and security, and manage statewide criminal justice information.
- Deliver excellence in criminal and background investigations, forensic/laboratory services, and comprehensive criminal justice data management.
- Build trusting relationships and partnerships within the state and in local communities to improve the quality of life in Colorado.



Highlights

Sean Edwards of CIMU took his Oath of Office in 2015. (Facing camera in image on the left.)

Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper (pictured right in center image) visited the new Pueblo Regional Office in October.

Members of the Identification Unit were 'United in Orange' during the Denver Broncos playoff run at the end of 2015. (right)

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