

# CBI



## *In the Community*



2016  
Annual Report

## CBI Spotlight



CBI Director Michael Rankin presented information about Bureau operations at a number of community and public safety events throughout the year. Some of the events included police academy graduations, community forums and business meetings. Pictured above: Director Rankin delivered the keynote address at the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy. Director Rankin also provided a presentation to Johnson and Wales students on terrorism in Denver in late 2016 (pictured below).



## Message from the Director



I am very pleased to present the 2016 Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Annual Report detailing programs, statistics, and Bureau accomplishments throughout the year.

In reviewing the work in the CBI sections of Support Services, Forensic Services and Investigations, a number of milestones were recorded during the year. Some of the many accomplishments included the completion of comprehensive sex assault DNA testing to eliminate the backlog of more than 3,000 previously untested sexual assault kits in the state; nearly 450,000 civilian and criminal background checks performed by the Identification Unit, and hundreds of criminal investigations conducted by CBI agents.

In addition to the statistics and organizational overviews detailed in this document, this year's report titled 'In the Community' spotlights the outstanding efforts of the CBI team to give back to the residents of our state and to our public safety partners. I invite you to learn about the exceptional work of our team throughout the year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Michael Rankin".

**Michael Rankin**  
Director  
Colorado Bureau of Investigation

### In the Community

Director Rankin took part in a number of news conferences highlighting community events and CBI investigations in 2016.







The Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) hosted a special ceremony to honor those with military service as part of a Veterans Day tribute on November 10, 2016. More than 100 CDPS employees, family members and friends visited CDPS headquarters in Lakewood, and were part of the celebration of those who have dedicated their lives to ensure the freedom of our nation.

CDPS Deputy Executive Director Rebecca Spiess recognized veterans in the crowd by each service branch.

Following the presentation of the Colors by the Colorado State Patrol Honor Guard, the Creighton Middle School Singers group performed a touching rendition of the National Anthem.



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### In the Community

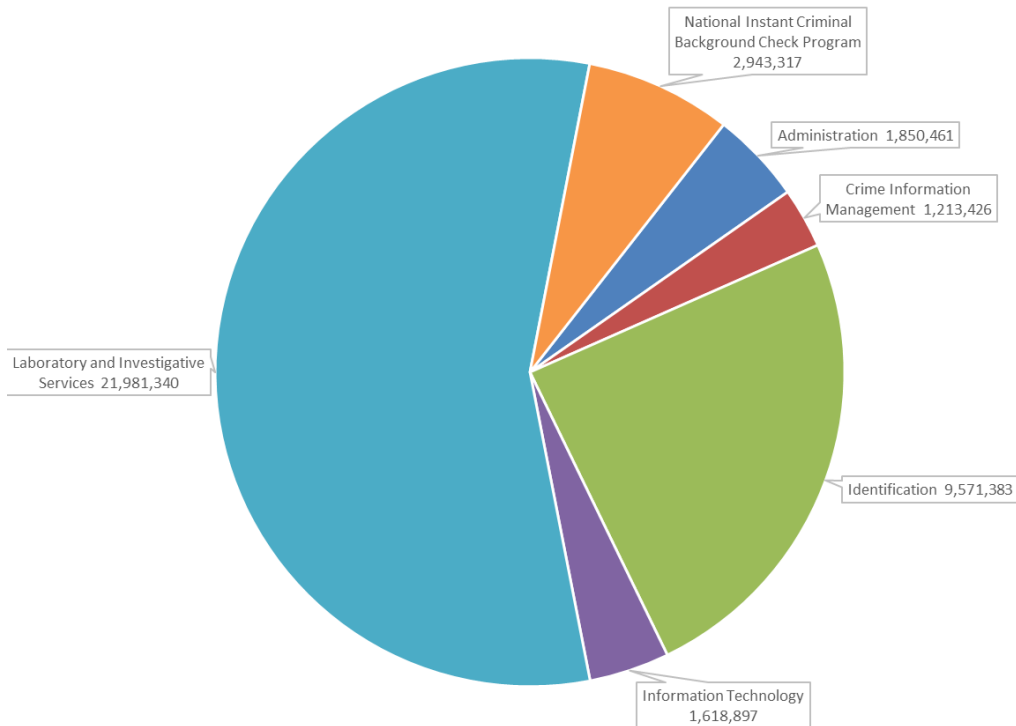
CBI joined other Department of Public Safety (DPS) divisions to plant a pinwheel garden in support of Ralston House, a facility dedicated to assisting children who are victims of abuse in Jefferson County. The DPS raised more than \$300 for Ralston House through the garden.



# CBI Budget

Comprised of accounting, budget and procurement functions, the six-person Financial Services Section was responsible for overseeing CBI's \$39 million budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16. In addition to General Fund monies, the team coordinated efforts to disperse more than \$19 million in grant funding to augment existing services, and managed \$13.8 million of revenue for the Bureau's cash-funded programs.

CBI's FY 2015-2016 Appropriations by Unit



## In the Community

Members of the CBI Grand Junction Regional Office once again donned red shirts in support of the 'Go Red For Women' heart disease awareness event in February (pictured left).

Also in Grand Junction, the team took part in a number of fitness events to promote wellness among our hard-working western slope team (pictured right).





## CBI Spotlight



The CBI logged nearly one million visitors to its website in 2016. One of the most visited set of pages featured the Bureau's InstaCheck Unit. In addition to tremendous traffic to the website, CBI's social media sites grew by 30% in 2016.

CBI spokesperson Susan Medina was selected to represent the Department of Public Safety at the 2016 State Employee Recognition event hosted at the Governor's mansion in May. More than 20 representatives from state agencies were recognized for their outstanding contributions within their departments and the assistance provided to Colorado residents.

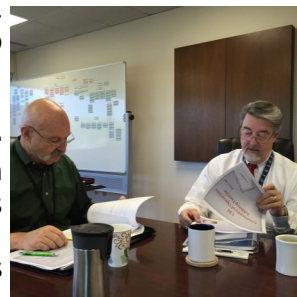


## Administration

### Administrative Services

CBI Administrative Services consists of the offices of the Director and the Deputy Director responsible for overseeing the Support Services Section, Human Resources and the Office of Professional Standards. The CBI's Communications Office is also located within Administrative Services.

Human Resources Liaison Patti Penn assisted in the selection of 34 new employees in 2016. In addition to overseeing the Bureau's human resources function, Penn coordinates the CBI's vehicle fleet, provides the administrative function for employees who leave the organization, participates on a number of committees and is responsible for a host of other duties.



Administrative Services hosted two formal Oath of Office ceremonies involving 32 employees being sworn into office either as new hires or promotions in 2016. The events enabled friends and family members of new hires to take part in a welcome celebration at CBI headquarters.

### Communications

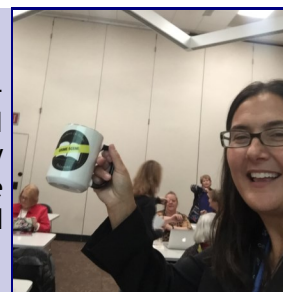
The CBI assigns one person to perform internal and external communications for the organization. Available to the media 24/7, the CBI's Communication Director addressed a record-number of media inquiries in 2016. In addition to questions from reporters on a variety of topics, the Communications Director coordinated the Bureau's social media sites, website production, news release dissemination, open record requests, community engagement efforts and internal communications.

With the goal of increasing the Bureau's social media audience by 30% in fiscal year 2016-17, the CBI Communications Director focused on delivering quality content to its Facebook and Twitter sites. By the end of 2016, likes on Facebook surpassed 5,000 while the Twitter audience grew to more than 6,000 followers.

CBI Communications	2016	2015
News Releases	69	46
Media Inquiries	750	600
CORA Requests	42	27
News Conferences/Media Events	11	4

### In the Community

The CBI was invited to attend the Sisters In Crime-Colorado writers' group in Castle Rock in October. CBI spokesperson Susan Medina provided a two-hour overview of the CBI, and answered numerous questions from the talented authors who attended the meeting from around the state.



## CBI Spotlight



In 2016, OPS delivered five New Employee Orientation (NEO) trainings, ensuring every new employee obtains a strong organizational foundation, and functional knowledge of the Bureau.

The CBI celebrated the retirement of Agent in Charge Greg Sadar in 2016. Having served in the Investigations Section for most of his career, AIC Sadar spent the final year of his 20-year State career leading OPS.



## Administration

### Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is responsible for the operation of programs concentrating on organizational and employee accountability. The primary functions of the OPS involve coordinating accreditation efforts with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), providing program management for policy development and maintenance, staff inspections, training coordination, management of the early warning system, which includes 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. In 2016, the CBI participated in a mock assessment with CALEA representatives to review hundreds of standards in preparation of the full CALEA on-site review slated for next year.



The OPS also manages the CBI's compliments and complaints process 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 team tracks these requests and ensures each receives a timely and thorough response. The CBI received two complaints, 14 compliments and 81 general inquiries through the compliment and complaint process in 2016.

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 2016. The investigation resulted in a sustained finding.

### In the Community

Many CBI employees and Department of Public Safety divisions filled large moving boxes with school supplies for children in need in Jefferson County. The supplies were delivered to the Jefferson County Action Center prior to the start of the 2016-17 school year in August.





## CBI Spotlight



Realizing that successful audits result from successful training, the CCIC group—as well as the rest of CIMU—are working in partnership with other Support Services divisions to provide a broader scope of training that reaches different corners of the state. Their first week-long Regional Training Symposium was held in Durango, and reached 20 law enforcement agencies in August.

Conceptualized in the spring of 2016, the mission of the newly-created CBI Tech Team (based out of CIMU) provides technology-enhanced collaboration between different sections within the Bureau, as well as local law enforcement, when responding to a scene and assisting with an investigation or operations. Through its technological resources, communication channels, and data collection and dissemination methods, the Tech Team strives to enhance the Bureau's excellence in solving crimes and supporting the community.



## 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 (CIMU) 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 in Colorado.



### Crime Information Management Unit

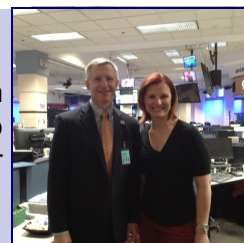
The Crime Information Management Unit (CIMU) consists of three sections: Colorado Crime Information Center (CCIC), Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and the Colorado Sex Offender Registry. Each system is maintained and supported by the CBI to ensure quality information is available and that each system is 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. 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 audit all Colorado criminal justice agencies on a triennial basis. These audits allow the CBI to verify all FBI and CBI policies are being followed by local agencies. In 2016, CIMU auditors conducted 81 audits of CCIC/NCIC usage as well as the technical security requirements for safeguarding this critical information. Additionally, they completed 401 audits specifically dedicated to the accuracy of agency point-of-contact information, also mandated by the FBI.

### In the Community

Anastasiya Bolton and the rest of the 9News team welcomed Director Rankin to the television station to make introductions and to discuss story opportunities for the future.



## CBI Spotlight

This program is funded by



CATPA  
Colorado Auto Theft  
Prevention Authority  
Department of Public Safety

**BEYOND**  
CRIME INSIGHT 20/20

With grant funding provided by the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) in 2016, the CBI is in the process of replacing the existing statistical data repository, which houses the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

The Crime Insight Repository and Reporting is a complete solution for the methods by which NIBRS data are reported and published. The Crime in Colorado annual report will have a new look and feel once the changes are implemented in 2018.

UCR Program Director Darla Hackworth was presented with a Director's Citation for her outstanding work in securing the grant that is making the changes to Crime in Colorado possible.



## Criminal Justice Information Services

### Crime Information Management Unit

#### Sex Offender Registration Unit

In 2016, the CBI [Sex Offender Registry Unit](#) processed more than 25,000 emails from out-of-state agencies requesting information on and/or providing the Bureau with information on sex offenders. CIMU processed 3,393 notices about sex offenders relocating to different locations, and orders discontinuing sex offenders' registration requirements.

#### Uniform Crime Reporting

State law requires the CBI to serve as the clearinghouse for all crime data submitted to the FBI for inclusion in national statistics. As part of the process, the CBI produces an annual report to relay statewide crime statistics from hundreds of law enforcement agencies in the state. The 2015 Crime in Colorado report was released in July. Overall, Colorado saw a 6.2% increase in reported crimes statewide. The category of Auto Theft saw the largest change with an increase of nearly 27.7%.

#### CJIS Compliance

In 2016, the CBI continued to work with law enforcement agencies to ensure all criminal justice information systems comply with the FBI-CJIS Security Policy. In this capacity, the CBI works with agencies to monitor progress and provide policy guidance to ensure their information systems remain as secure as possible.

In addition, the CBI introduced new training curriculum to educate supervisors and leaders at criminal justice agencies to understand when they need to consider CJIS information security and how to apply the FBI policy in their real-world situations.

2016 marked the inaugural year of the CJIS Vendor Management Program, implemented by the CJIS sections of the CBI. This program streamlined the background check process for private companies working with law enforcement agencies on information systems. The program was designed under the regulations of the FBI and is operated jointly by members of the CBI Identification and CIMU units. To provide an example of how the program serves Colorado, for a single business with 100 employees working with 25 agencies in Colorado, this program reduces the expense and staff time for background checks to law enforcement and their contractors by about \$100,000.



#### In the Community

Representatives from CBI (headquarters and Pueblo) took part in the Polar Plunge to raise money for Colorado Special Olympics. The dedicated teams jumped into the icy Pueblo Reservoir and a 'polar plunge' tank at the Denver Zoo in February. More than \$2,000 was raised for this great cause.





## CBI Spotlight



In 2016, a significant portion of the Identification Unit was relocated to maximize space for the team conducting hundreds of thousands of fingerprints background checks each year. Now located in the space vacated by the Forensic Services section in Lakewood, the site offers expanded work sites and meeting rooms to maximize the efficiency of the Identification Unit staff.

CBI's Identification Unit sealed 3,311 criminal records in 2016.



# 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 2016, there were 3,062,083 million sets of ten prints in the system, as well as 627,642 palm prints and 26,544 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.

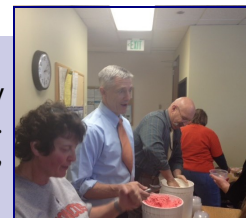
## Criminal History Background Checks

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	2016 Checks Received	2015 Checks Received
Arrest Fingerprint Cards	240,296	238,432
Civil/Applicant Fingerprint Cards	202,748	171,936
Citizen Accessed Checks Via Internet (name-based)	341,921	340,861

## In the Community

CBI's directors dished ice cream for Department of Public Safety staff at a Broncos kick-off social at headquarters in the fall. Many orange and blue jerseys paired with the chocolate, strawberry and vanilla ice cream scooped at the event.



## CBI Spotlight



### Image from the Greeley Tribune

The Identification Unit launched the Mobile ID project to aid officers and deputies as part of their patrol duties in 2013. These pocket-sized devices allow officers 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 500 devices currently in the field, the Mobile ID Units were used 18,060 times in Colorado in 2016. This resulted in 1,891 FBI matches and 11,531 CBI matches, or a 64% hit (match) rate. The hits included identified deceased persons, unregistered sex offenders, parole violators, warrants for drug offenses, weapon offenses, homicide suspects, and others.

In addition to determining if the person being contacted has warrants, the 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.



## Criminal Justice Information Services

### Identification

#### Livescan Upgrade

For decades, Colorado law enforcement agencies have used Livescan inkless electronic fingerprint systems to obtain civil and criminal fingerprints. Over the last few years, new FBI software standards have required states to update their systems in order to continue to submit fingerprints and criminal history information. Because of these software-mandated changes by the FBI, the CBI was required to update the Livescan software to comply with these new standards.

The purpose of the system upgrade is to comply with FBI policies, procedures and regulations that the CBI is mandated to follow involving the submission of fingerprint transmissions. Another purpose of the upgrade is to increase efficiency of the system, and to add additional NCIC charge codes, including Internet Luring, Human Trafficking and others. Finally, there is the addition of a DNA barcode on the Livescan submission of felony charges requiring DNA samples to be collected.



The changes will improve the integrity of the data, and offer more timely processing of the fingerprints for faster delivery of the responses for the criminal and civil fingerprint submissions into the new Secured Document Delivery System (SDDS).



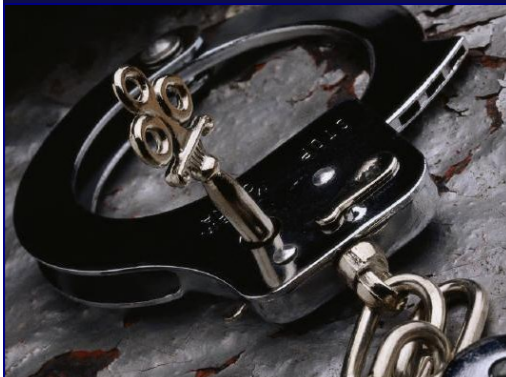
### In the Community

Several members of the CBI's Pueblo Regional Office came together to 'Walk to End Alzheimer's' at the Pueblo State Park in September. The team took a quick break to pose on a picture-perfect Colorado Day. The Pueblo team was part of the thousands of people who helped raise more than \$75,000 for the organization.





## CBI Spotlight



In 2016, CBI InstaCheck assisted local law enforcement with the arrest of 255 people who attempted to purchase a firearm while they had active felony and misdemeanor warrants. These individuals were arrested by local law enforcement across Colorado.

Members of the CBI InstaCheck Unit received a Director's Citation for their exemplary efforts in all facets of the operation from appeals to firearms transfers to concealed handgun permits in 2016.



## 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) point of contact for this process, and is only one of 13 states designated to serve in this capacity.

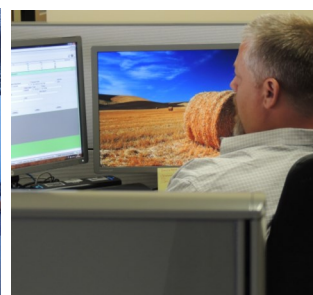
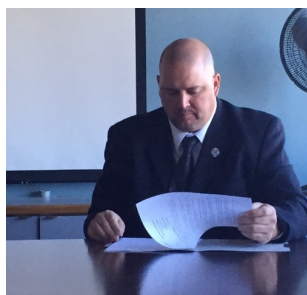
In addition to conducting NICS background checks for firearms purchases, InstaCheck provides local law enforcement agencies the ability to conduct checks for the purpose of releasing firearms from evidence. InstaCheck also addresses appeals for firearms purchase denials and processes background checks on behalf of Colorado sheriffs for Concealed Handgun Permits.

CBI InstaCheck is staffed by 44 employees, including supervisors. The InstaCheck staff conducts the NICS background checks on firearm purchases through a Federal Firearm Licensee (FFL). Not only are these checks conducted through retail sales at stores but also for private sales and at all gun shows in Colorado. InstaCheck performed 389,491 firearm background checks in 2016, representing the second highest total number of checks completed since the program was reestablished in 1999.

One of the benefits of the CBI serving as the point of contact for the FBI NICS is that staff has access to four additional databases not available through the Federal NICS check. Access to these additional databases resulted in approximately 2,185 additional denials that were only available to the CBI and would not have been identified through the FBI NICS program.

The wait time for a background check for a firearm transfer averaged just over 12 minutes during the course of the year. Of all firearms background checks conducted by the CBI's InstaCheck Unit, nearly 98% were approved in 2016.

InstaCheck Firearm Transfers	2016	2015
Approvals	380,787	342,839
Denials	8,704	7,714



### In the Community

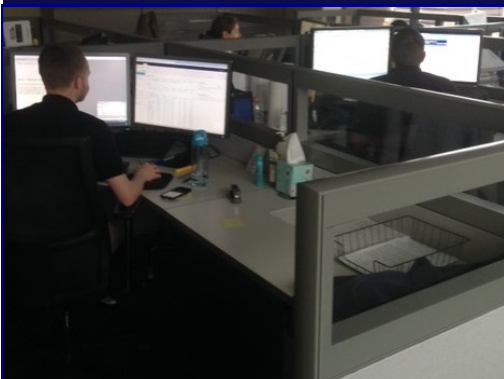
InstaCheck members organized a team to take part in the Making Strides event to support breast cancer awareness. The CBI joined the CSP and walked in support of this important cause in October.



## CBI Spotlight



The day after Thanksgiving, also known as Black Friday, traditionally marks InstaCheck's highest volume of background checks conducted by the team. This year's Black Friday shopping event resulted in the largest one-day total of background checks submitted to the CBI's InstaCheck Unit in its history. Between midnight and 9:00 pm on November 27<sup>th</sup>, the InstaCheck team performed background checks for 4,329 firearms transfers in Colorado, with an average completion time of approximately 6.5 minute per check.



## Criminal Justice Information Services

### InstaCheck

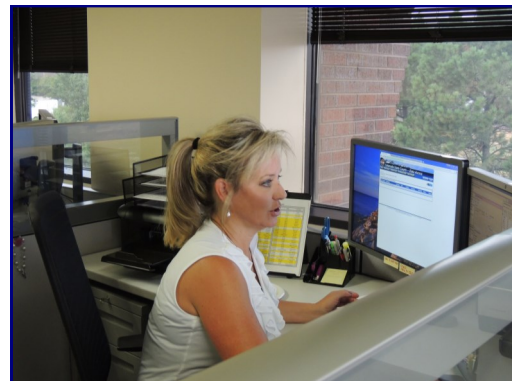
#### Appeals

The Appeals section provides a process for individuals to appeal a firearm 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	2016	2015
Total Denials	8,704	7,714
Total Appeals	4,636	4,054
Denials Reversed	2,427	2,080

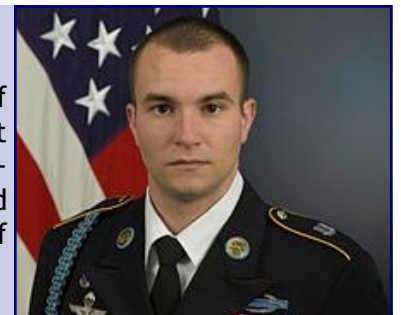
#### Concealed Handgun Permits

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. InstaCheck conducted 61,505 CHP background checks in 2016, the second highest total number of checks in the history of the program.



#### In the Community

The CBI welcomed US Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, former Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta, US Army, to the CBI's 2015-16 Awards Ceremony. His riveting and inspirational message touched the hearts of those in attendance.





## CBI Spotlight



CBI Crime Scene Analysts hosted five crime scene classes across Colorado, resulting in crime scene training for more than 100 Colorado law enforcement officers in 2016.

CBI Forensic Services made international news when there was a report of potential contamination of the Town of Hugo's water supply in July 2016. CBI Denver Crime Scene personnel responded to the area to collect several samples. Expedited toxicology testing in the CBI laboratory yielded negative results, indicating the water did not contain THC, the main psychoactive compound in marijuana. Lincoln County was then able to call off a water advisory that had warned residents not to bathe, drink or cook with tap water.



## Forensic Services

### Forensic Services

The Forensic Services staff 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 87 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 Colorado 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

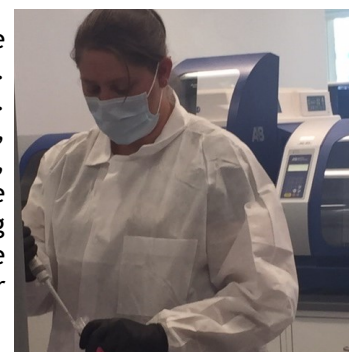
Crime Scene Analysts and select Forensic Scientists respond to requests from law enforcement agencies in the technical investigation of crime scenes, including the documentation, collection, and preservation of evidence. In addition to responding to 131 crime scenes in 2016, CBI Crime Scene Analysts were frequently requested to provide community presentations and to train Colorado law enforcement in evidence documentation, collection and preservation.

#### Digital and Multimedia Evidence

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

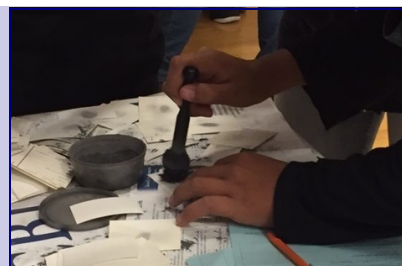
#### DNA Casework

Forensic Biologists examine crime scene evidence for the presence of bodily fluids and/or touch DNA. The collected evidence is then processed for DNA. This processing includes the extraction, quantification, amplification, analysis, interpretation, and possible entry into the COMBINED DNA Index System (CODIS). DNA testing helps determine from whom the evidence may have originated—typically the alleged victim, suspect, or other involved party.



#### In the Community

CBI forensic scientists attended the Creighton Middle School Career Fair in Lakewood and spoke with hundreds of students about the outstanding career opportunities within the Bureau. The students were also able to test their fingerprinting skills in a hands-on activity at the event.



## CBI Spotlight



With the completion of the testing and analysis of 3,524 previously un-submitted sexual assault kits by law enforcement in the state, the CBI hosted a news conference to announce the results from the cases reviewed as part of Colorado House Bill 13-1020.

Following the testing of the evidence, 1,556 profiles were developed and entered into national CODIS database, which generated 691 matches forwarded to Colorado law enforcement agencies for potential follow-up.

During the news conference, the CBI was joined by Greeley Police Chief Jerry Garner and Weld County District Attorney Michael Rourke to discuss arrests and convictions that were made as a result of the testing.



## 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. Technicians 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. 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 5,000 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

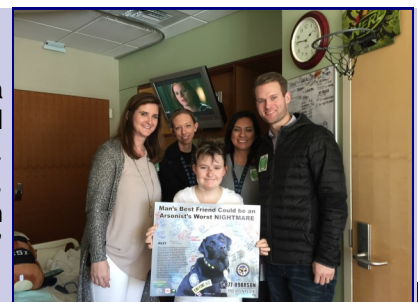
Latent print analysis involves the development, preservation, examination, comparison, and possible Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and Next Generation identification (NGI) entry of latent finger and palm prints.

#### Serology

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

### In the Community

Members of Forensic Services section made a special trip to Children's Hospital to visit a Grand Junction girl being treated at the facility. Because of Hanna's interest in Forensic Science, she was offered CBI swag, conversation with real-life forensic scientists and a 'golden ticket' to tour the Grand Junction forensic laboratory.





## CBI Spotlight



The Boulder Police Department successfully closed its case on serial burglar Nick Duskin in late 2016. Mr. Duskin was identified when a profile was developed during DNA testing at the CBI Forensics Laboratory in Boulder and matched to an offender in the state DNA database during a CODIS search in 2015. Mr. Duskin was suspected of being responsible for more than 40 burglaries and attempted burglaries in Boulder, Denver, and Fort Collins in 2015. He pleaded guilty to these crimes in August 2016 and was sentenced to 42 years in prison. More than 1,500 pieces of stolen property were recovered from Duskin's home.

The CBI celebrated the stellar performances of three forensic scientists at the Colorado State Patrol Fit Games in August. The CBI recorded four first place finishes in a number of categories, including the top overall performer in the Women's Division.



## Forensic Services

### Forensic Services Disciplines (cont.)

#### Toxicology

Toxicology is the analysis of biological samples, typically blood or urine, for the presence of alcohol and drugs. The CBI's three State Toxicology laboratories operate as a fee-for-service and conduct ante mortem analysis such as DUI or drug facilitated sexual assault (DFSA) investigations for law enforcement agencies as well as postmortem or medicolegal death investigation drug analysis for Coroners/Medical Examiners. All of the CBI's Toxicology laboratories are accredited to the international standard ISO 17025 through the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) and certified by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The Toxicologists testify to the drug results and explain their meaning of their findings to the criminal justice system.



#### 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.

#### Laboratory Accreditation

Forensic Services underwent an external assessment for international accreditation from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) International Organization of Standards (ISO) in April. This accreditation included an expansion of scope to include Digital Multimedia Evidence and DNA in our Greeley laboratory as well as Crime Scene and Toxicology throughout the laboratory system.



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 the spring. 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.

#### In the Community

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



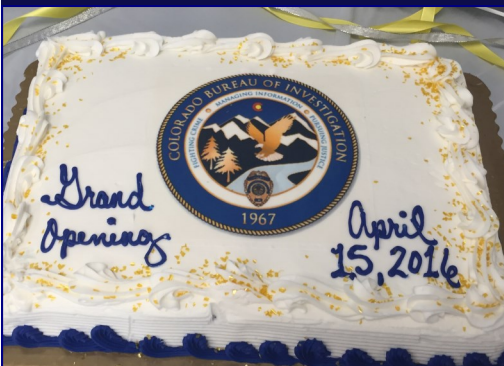
## CBI Spotlight



On April 15, the CBI hosted a grand opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting event at the site of the new CBI Forensic Science Laboratory located in Arvada (6000 W. 54<sup>th</sup> Ave). The event was a tremendous success with more than 150 attendees taking part in the festivities. The public safety community and citizens were provided tours that lasted well into the evening.

Early in 2014, the CBI identified a building in Arvada that could be renovated to house the new Denver Forensic Science Laboratory. This facility is more than 24,000 square feet, about three times the amount of space the Denver Forensic Science Laboratory vacated.

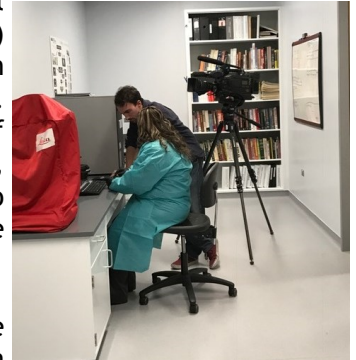
The laboratory staffs 53 forensic scientists who process evidence in more than 5,000 cases per year.



## Forensic Services

### Operation Hot Brass

In November 2014, CBI initiated a National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) partnership between several agencies in southern Colorado entitled Operation Hot Brass. These partner agencies include the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Colorado Springs Police Department, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Fountain Police Department, and the Pueblo Police Department.



Within this partnership, these agencies have agreed to submit spent cartridge casings from all shooting offenses that occur within their jurisdiction to CBI Forensic Services. The CBI has in turn agreed to triage these cartridge cases, perform the NIBIN searches, and send results back to the submitting agency within three business days. These hits are then investigated through a collaborative effort by the partner agencies.

In 2016, CBI provided 180 NIBIN hits to these partner agencies. The subsequent investigations led to multiple successful prosecutions. This program has been very successful in reducing violent gun crime in this region of the state, making these communities safer for residents in southern Colorado.

### Training & Development

Training for scientists and support staff continued to be an area of emphasis for Forensic Services in 2016. Scientists and support staff attended 99 different training events and conferences during the year. This included a mandatory all-staff in-service that covered ethical, technical, safety and testimony training.



A number of CBI forensic scientists and managers gave technical and managerial presentations at major conferences during the year. Erick Bryant presented a unique case at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Conference, Dan Anderson presented toxicology to two national coroner's groups, Lance Allen and Katie Fetherston presented three times at the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) Annual Symposium, and Denver Latent Print scientists presented a research project at the Rocky Mountain Division of the International Association of Identification (RMDIAI).

### In the Community

Members of CBI Grand Junction Forensic Services (literally) flexed their muscles at a BBQ/Bear Cat pull at the Grand Junction Police Department to celebrate National Police Week in May. The CBI team pulled a Bear Cat 100 feet as part of the challenge.





### \*Forensic Services Statistics

		2014		2015		2016	
Discipline	Facility	Cases Received	Cases Completed	Cases Received	Cases Completed	Cases Received	Cases Completed
DNA	Denver	2,094	1,592	2,063	2,032	2,055	2,437
	Boulder	125	390	212	735	263	429
	Grand Junction	306	341	581	729	579	849
	Greeley	461	2	645	278	699	445
	Pueblo	1,060	279	1,247	382	1,307	965
Drug Chemistry	Denver	1,135	817	1,502	618	1,350	452
	Boulder	24	0	23	0	33	0
	Grand Junction	1,080	1,409	1,163	1,218	1,186	1,425
	Greeley	196	1,087	263	1,388	277	1,056
	Pueblo	635	53	849	270	1,052	612
Firearms/Toolmarks	Denver	188	241	535	515	270	334
	Boulder	3	0	5	0	5	0
	Grand Junction	49	130	66	140	243	340
	Greeley	50	63	70	140	59	61
	Pueblo	119	0	167	4	365	89
Footwear/Tire Tracks	Denver	8	0	8	1	5	2
	Boulder	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Grand Junction	7	0	3	0	1	0
	Greeley	13	18	26	22	19	45
	Pueblo	11	22	9	17	2	0
Latent Prints	Denver	356	424	396	588	380	486
	Boulder	16	0	30	0	48	0
	Grand Junction	199	238	302	329	259	306
	Greeley	533	407	488	417	400	597
	Pueblo	188	210	159	160	196	261
NIBIN	Denver	113	103	174	107	55	170
	Boulder	1	0	0	0	1	0
	Grand Junction	5	259	3	174	32	208
	Greeley	8	77	6	19	6	10
	Pueblo	62	0	289	5	389	85
Trace Chemistry	Denver	91	250	93	227	91	151
	Boulder	1	0	1	0	8	0
	Grand Junction	18	0	23	0	15	0
	Greeley	27	0	36	0	15	0
	Pueblo	53	0	85	0	62	0

\*Cases completed may be greater than cases received due to ongoing lab work carried from the previous year.

## CBI Spotlight



In 2016, CBI Forensic Services validated three new DNA technologies in 2016. These new technologies allow Forensic Services to expand its DNA testing capabilities.

In July 2015, Susan Hernandez was found deceased in her home in Pueblo. The CBI Pueblo Laboratory analyzed multiple items of evidence in the case. One of the key pieces of evidence was DNA detected under the victim's fingernails, which could have been from a paternal male in the victim's family. Through the investigation, Anthony Sena (the victim's grandson) was identified as the suspect in the case. Mr. Sena was convicted of murdering his grandmother in November 2016.

Image from KOAA



## Forensic Services

*Forensic Services Lab Summary						
	2014		2015		2016	
Location	Cases Received	Cases Completed	Cases Received	Cases Completed	Cases Received	Cases Completed
Denver	3,985	3,427	5,836	6,195	5,634	5,214
Boulder	170	390	293	735	359	429
Grand Junction	1,664	2,377	2,760	4,451	3,541	4,455
Greeley	1,288	1,654	1,850	2,469	1,679	2,409
Pueblo	2,128	564	3,423	1,310	4,409	3,479
<b>CBI Lab Totals</b>	<b>9,235</b>	<b>8,412</b>	<b>14,162</b>	<b>15,160</b>	<b>15,622</b>	<b>15,986</b>

\*Cases completed may be greater than cases received due to ongoing lab work carried from the previous year.

### 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. The CBI saw a 32% increase in submissions in 2016. Increased efficiencies such as streamlining our computer system and automating many processes ensured timely analysis.

Katie's Law Statistics	2016	2015
Total Arrestee Samples Collected	60,030	45,239
Total Arrestee profiles entered into CODIS	40,366	33,139
Arrestee Matches	1,331	539

Colorado Offender Matches to Forensic Profiles		
	2016	2015
Homicide	25	20
Sex Crimes	173	**607
Assault/Kidnapping	58	52
Robbery	89	76
Burglary	305	327
Other Property Crimes	336	314

\*\*Profiles connected with HB13-1020.

### In the Community

Crime Scene Analyst Matt Richardson presented at the CSI Detective Camp for the Smashbox Summer Camp in Snowmass. Campers were provided an overview of CBI operations and learned how to collect fingerprints.





## CBI Spotlight



A number of media outlets featured the work of Agent Means and K9 Riley, including a segment produced by Fox31 TV in Denver, and a lengthy story by Altitude Sports (a cable-based station airing programming in western states such as Colorado, Wyoming and Utah).

Agent Means was named Investigator of the Year by the Colorado Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators in October. In addition to the stellar work of Agent Means along with K9 Riley in response to fire scenes across the state, Agent Means has served as the President and curator of the National Fire Dog Monument located in Washington D.C., in addition to participation in numerous public events.



## 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.



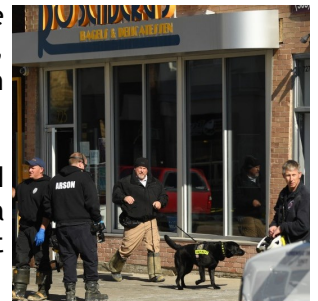
In 2016, CBI agents were requested to either assist or serve as the lead in hundreds of criminal investigations across the state by agents and analysts housed in CBI offices in Denver, Grand Junction and Pueblo with satellite locations in Durango and Montrose.

Investigations Overview	2016	2015
Tips/Tasks	2,078	3,273
Cases Assigned	402	505
Arrests	67	52
Employment Background	110	81

### Arson Investigations

CBI Agent Jerry Means and K9 Riley comprise the Arson Investigation Unit. Operating out of CBI headquarters in Lakewood, Agent Means and K9 Riley are requested to respond to fire scenes across Colorado. The 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.

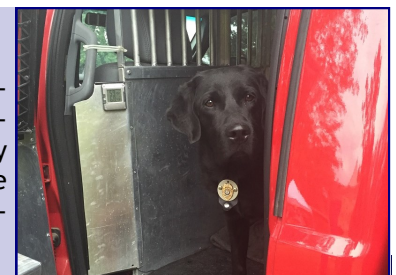
Of the nearly 100 fire responses by Agent Means and K9 Riley, one call-out involved the investigation of a fatal shooting and subsequent fire in an apartment above a Denver bagel shop in 2016.



CBI Fire Dog Program	2016	2015
Fire Responses	95	70

### Highlight

CBI Agent Jerry Means and K9 Riley frequently participate in community events across Colorado. National Night Out celebrations, community safety fairs, and citizen recognitions were just a few of the dozens of events Agent Means and K9 Riley participated in last year.



## CBI Spotlight



Picture from Archuleta County SO

CBI Agent Jeff Brown, assigned to the Durango satellite office, was requested to assist in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office following human remains discovered near the southwest Colorado town of Pagosa Springs.

The remains were later identified as that of 29-year-old Archuleta County resident Andrew Donald Chacon.

A cold case from 2009 was solved when the remains of Michael Rust (pictured below) were discovered in Saguache County in January 2016. DNA testing officially identified the remains of Rust, and first-degree homicide charges for Charles Moises Gonzales followed later in the year.



## Investigations

### Cold Case

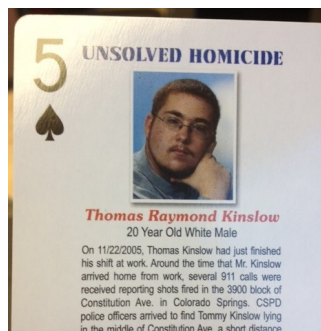
The role of the CBI's Cold Case Unit is to gather information in an effort to update and maintain the statewide electronic cold case database that is available to the public. The comprehensive site features information on more than 1,700 cold case homicides, long-term missing person and unidentified remains cases throughout Colorado dating back to the early 1970s.

The Cold Case Unit provided a number of training courses attended by local law enforcement and district 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 comprehensive initial investigation efforts and documentation to aid in the solvability of these cases.

The CBI Cold Case Review Team is comprised of nearly 30 experts including CBI 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 2016, the Cold Case Review Team reviewed cases from various Colorado law enforcement agencies.

The CBI is also part of the Cold Case Task Force. The Cold Case Task Force meets on a quarterly basis. This group is comprised of chiefs, sheriffs, district attorneys, members of Forensic Services and family representatives. This group meets to discuss best practices regarding cold case investigation within the state but also across the country.

The CBI expanded its Cold Case playing card program by producing two additional decks bringing the total to four decks featuring 208 Colorado cold case victims. These playing cards feature victims of homicide, long-term missing persons, and unidentified remains cases. The playing cards are available to inmates incarcerated in both state and private Department of Correction facilities in Colorado. Additionally, the playing cards have been provided to many of the local detention facilities across the state. The hope with this program is that as inmates see these cards featuring the victims faces that if they know something that they will come forward and share this information so investigators might bring resolution to the families in these cases. Hundreds of tips have been received through the tip line and forwarded to law enforcement as a result of the close to 20,000 decks of playing cards we have distributed across the state of Colorado since late 2014.



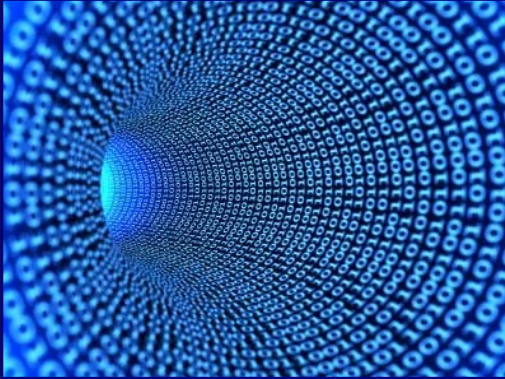
### In the Community

CBI agents and analysts took part in Colorado Missing Persons Day in August. In partnership with the Longmont Police Department, families of Colorado's missing were invited to work one-on-one with investigators at the one-day event.





## CBI Spotlight



An investigation conducted by the CBI Cyber Crimes Unit in conjunction with the FBI Cyber Squad, involved a network intrusion of a Colorado-based business called Photobucket, a company that operates an image and video hosting website. The suspects in the case breached Photobucket and sold software that allowed buyers to illegally gain access to unsuspecting Photobucket user accounts. Additionally, one of the defendants extorted and harassed Photobucket users with private images, demanding payment or he would post their photos online. At the conclusion of the investigation, the first defendant was sentenced to 29 months in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release. The second defendant was sentenced to five years probation with the first 15 months as in house confinement.



## 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 cybercrime attacks.

The CBI currently assigns two agents 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.), impacting victims.

2016 Cyber Crime Stats			
Network Intrusion—Type			
State	School	Public	Private
6	1	6	30
Victims & Loss			
Known Victims	Estimated Victims	Estimated Loss	
742	18,000	\$3.3 million	

Mitigation, education and community outreach play a pivotal role in the operation of the Cyber Crime Unit, as the agents assigned to this team present various cyber-related topics each year. The CBI Cyber Crime team provided training and education on various cyber matters to nearly 300 individuals impacted by this fast-growing crime in 2016.

### Identity Theft & Fraud

The CBI Identity Theft & Fraud team provides criminal investigation, criminal intelligence, victim assistance services and 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 more than 1,300 business identity theft cases since 2010.



The Identity Theft Unit received thousands of calls from citizens in 2016. Members of the unit coordinated with local, state, federal and international law enforcement agencies to combat the crimes of identity theft and fraud.

### In the Community

In February 2016, CBI cyber agents participated in a two-day cyber exercise simulating an attack on the State of Colorado's IT network. Participants included the Colorado National Guard, Regis University, state and local government, private industry, and representatives from the software industry. Day two of the exercise field tested the State's incident response (IR) plan.

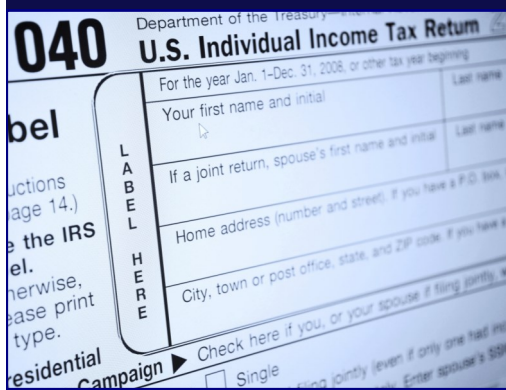


## CBI Spotlight



CBI agents worked with Colorado Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) investigators to arrest Michael Hopkins of Westminster on forgery among other charges in 2016. It's alleged Hopkins impersonated a DMV employee to provide counterfeit temporary licenses in exchange for money from individuals not legally in the United States. Hopkins pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the Department of Corrections.

Because of a surge in calls related to Tax ID Theft issues, the CBI Identity Theft & Fraud Unit offered tips to those impacted by this prolific crime. The CBI team explained the actions to take if a person was a victim of Tax ID Theft and offered links to IRS forms required to file taxes in these instances.



## Investigations

### Identity Theft & Fraud (cont.)

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		
	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15
Victims	231	118
Estimated Loss	\$462,000	\$5,722,000
Arrests	1	10

### 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 2016, the Identity Theft Victim Advocate provided comprehensive victim assistance services to more than 10,591 crime victims.

CBI ID Theft Unit Victim Advocacy—2016	
Victims—Advocate Assistance	1,145
Victims—Hotline Calls	820
Training & Outreach	72

### In the Community

Members of the Identity Theft & Fraud team were co-sponsors of the Elbert County Safety Fair in the summer. In addition to offering identity theft prevention information, a community shred event was held to help residents protect their identities. CBI Grand Junction hosted a similar event on the Western Slope in the spring. Thousands of pounds of documents were destroyed, greatly helping to reduce the risk of identity theft of Colorado residents.





## CBI Spotlight



Pueblo Crime Stoppers featured the suspect in a Rocky Ford shooting in the fall. Ricky Maes was believed to have fired multiple rounds from a handgun, striking a 31-year-old Rocky Ford man at his home in March.

The CBI-led investigation resulted in Maes's being arrested for attempted first-degree murder and first-degree assault. Maes is awaiting trial slated for 2017.

Members of CBI Pueblo and Denver worked tirelessly in the homicide investigation of Pam Candelario out of Walsenburg, Colorado in 2015. The victim's husband, Ralph Candelario, was convicted of the homicide and is currently serving life in prison. NBC's Dateline interviewed CBI Pueblo Agent in Charge Jodi Wright (and others) to discuss this investigation in 2016.

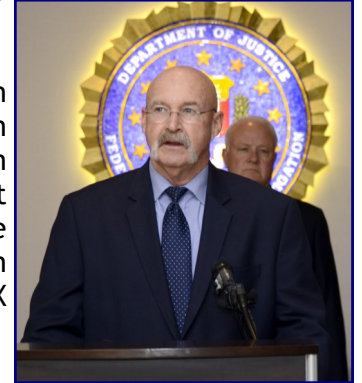


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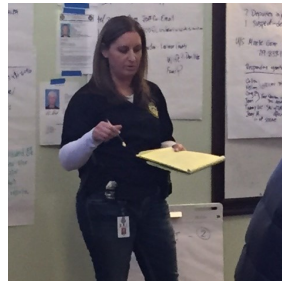
### Major Crimes

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

In 2016, an 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 X in the summer of 2016.



CBI Agents from across the state investigated hundreds of criminal cases across Colorado in 2016. On February 24, 2016, CBI agents, analysts and members of Forensic Services were called to Park County when Park County Sheriff's Deputy Nate Carrigan was shot and killed during a home eviction process. Two other members of the sheriff's office were injured during the incident. Investigations and Forensic Services teams worked around the clock to investigate the incident and process the crime scene. The incident received national media coverage.



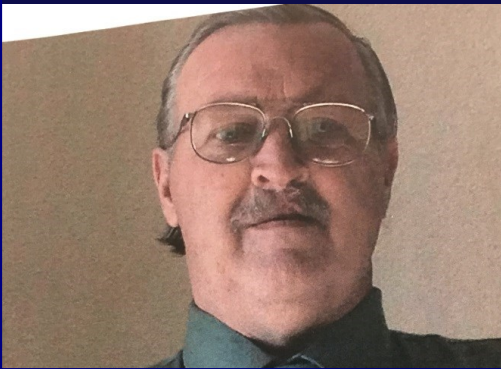
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### In the Community

Deputy Director Chris Andrist attended a West Metro Chamber of Commerce meeting to provide an overview of CBI operations in the spring.



## CBI Spotlight



CBI Pueblo agents arrested an Alamosa man for allegedly sexually assaulting a woman over the course of nearly three years. Agents with CBI's Pueblo Regional Office, with the assistance of the Colorado State Patrol (CSP), arrested Phillip Quinn (DOB: 07/15/1962) for sexual assault occurring in Manassa in Conejos County. Quinn was arrested without incident and transported to the Alamosa County Jail. Quinn faces additional felony charges in connection with the investigation.

CBI agents were called to investigate the homicide of Jordan Gausman, a bartender at the Silver Dollar Saloon in Leadville in May. After an extensive investigation, Matthew James Haley was arrested on charges of first-degree murder and is awaiting trial.



## 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 (for 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 Missing/Endangered Alert (to send information to the media to raise awareness when a missing person does not meet the criteria for any other alerts).



#### 2016 CBI Issued Alerts

2016 CBI Issued Alerts	
AMBER	8
Blue	0
Developmentally Disabled	5
Medina	7
Missing/Endangered	12
Senior Alert	31

### 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 a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force. The mission of the FRDTF is to disrupt and dismantle major drug trafficking organizations that are frequently international in scope.



In 2016, FRDTF activity showed law enforcement assigned to the team seized 25 pounds of Heroin, 10.14 pounds of Cocaine, 9.69 pounds of Meth and Meth ICE, 34.31 pounds of marijuana, and 76.9 grams of Club Drugs (Ecstasy) during the year. The team was also responsible for 63 felony arrests during the year. Finally, the task force was responsible for dismantling four major drug trafficking organizations in 2016.

### In the Community

The CBI celebrated National Missing Children's Day at the State Capitol on May 25, 2016. Duyen Vu, a 5th grade student from Rolling Hills elementary, was recognized as Colorado's Missing Children's Day poster contest winner.





## CBI Spotlight



The CBI Gaming Unit was requested by the Trinidad Police Department (TPD) to investigate an Internet Café in Trinidad. The investigation led to a search warrant being served at the Lucky Duck Internet Café by the CBI, TPD and the Colorado Division of Gaming on April 7.

Three individuals were issued class three misdemeanor summonses in connection with the investigation.

CBI Analyst Audrey Simkins (left below) and Agent in Charge Kirby Lewis (second from left) joined the Buena Vista Police Department in announcing a 1977 cold case homicide was solved. Audrey Hurtado was stabbed to death when she was 17. Her killer, a teenager at the time, was connected to the incident through DNA testing by CBI Forensic Services. The suspect was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1981.



## Investigations

### Off-Site Investigations (Cont.)

#### 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 analyst 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.

**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. The team opened From inception through December 2016, the CDI program efforts nationwide resulted in \$269 million in projected savings to SSA's Title II and SSI disability programs and \$332 million in Non-SSA programs.

### 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 2016, members of the unit responded to 399 requests for assistance, developed 55 criminal investigations and conducted 458 background database investigations. The team was also responsible for 36 arrests during the year.



### In the Community

The CBI Grand Junction Regional Office team welcomed Colorado Department of Public Safety Executive Director Stan Hilkey this summer.

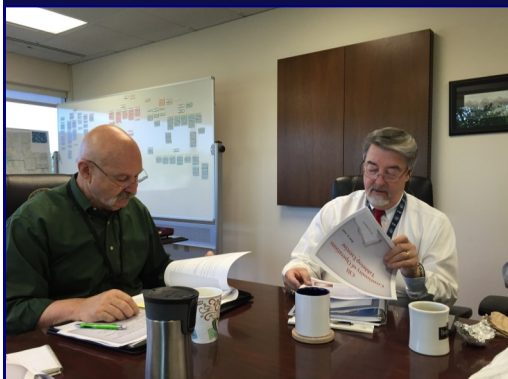


## CBI Spotlight



For nearly a decade, the CBI Grand Junction Regional Office has provided critical incident training for hundreds of law enforcement personnel through the VirTra® training simulator. The 300-degree wraparound system offers Colorado law enforcement officials access to real-time scenarios to hone their decision-making skills during critical incidents. CBI Agent in Charge Collin Reese was interviewed by western slope media outlets about the system over the summer.

The CBI conducted a test of its Continuity Of Operations Plan at CBI headquarters in June. The exercise featured an event that impacted CBI headquarters. Those involved in the exercise had to notify and relocate staff in an expedited manner.

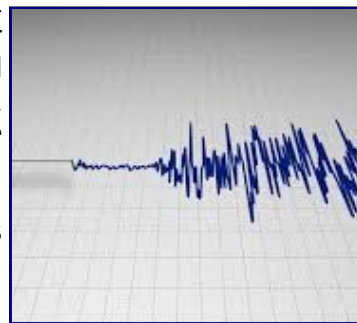


## Investigations

### 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 seven polygraph examiners conducted 105 polygraph examinations in 2016.



### 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 1,063 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 CBI 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.

In 2016, there were 44 individuals featured on the Top 100 sex offender fugitive list arrested during the year, including the number one most wanted individual.

### In the Community

CBI Analyst Audrey Simkins was featured on Colorado Public Radio to discuss the Colorado Cold Case Playing Cards program in December.





## CBI Spotlight



The CBI hosted its 2015-16 Awards Ceremony at the Lakewood Cultural Center on July 7, 2016.

Dozens of CBI employees were awarded with Team Excellence, Distinguished Service medals and Outstanding Employees of the Year. The CBI welcomed US Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, former Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta, US Army as the keynote speaker.

Deborah Takahara of KWGN and KDVR served as the emcee of the event.

More than 150 people attended the ceremony.



## Vision & Mission

### Vision

Through leadership and collaboration, we strive to be an innovative workforce dedicated to raising our level of excellence to meet Colorado's public safety needs.

### Mission

To pursue justice and ensure a safer Colorado by providing excellence in background and criminal investigations, forensic services, and the management of statewide criminal justice information.



### Highlights

Katie Fetherston of Forensic Services celebrated 20 years of service with the CBI in 2016. (Pictured in the image on the left.)

Colorado Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne (pictured second from the right in the center image) visited the CBI Pueblo Regional Office in October.

CBI Agent in Charge Ralph Gagliardi (pictured right) conducted a number of community awareness interviews related to Identity Theft & Fraud in 2016.

## CBI Core Values

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### Family

*We care for each other.*

**Supporting each other in creating an exceptional work environment and encouraging a healthy work-life balance.**

### Integrity

*We do the right thing.*

**Acting with honesty, honor, and transparency; never compromising the truth.**

### Respect

*We treat others how we expect to be treated.*

**Operating in a spirit of cooperation with our fellow employees, our customers, and our community, embracing diversity and each other's unique talents.**

### Service

*We are dedicated.*

**Committed to serving the people of Colorado with excellence.**

### Teamwork

*We work together.*

**Collaborating inside and outside the bureau to maximize our impact on public safety.**



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