



COLORADO
Department of Public Safety

Executive Director's Office
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Dear Media Colleagues:

We are providing the records we have responsive to your request for the report and audio tape of the CBI's recent interview with Christopher Watts.

I would like to add a personal request for caution and discretion as you make decisions regarding what information you disseminate and how you choose to do so. The new details that Mr. Watts has shared, particularly about the specific manner in which he killed his family, are deeply disturbing. Moreover, those details have the very real potential to cause a secondary trauma reaction for many individuals, whether they were involved in this case or not.

It is our instinct to protect this information or redact it beyond what we have to respect and protect victims, families, children and others that this information could harm; but we find no legally defensible method to do so. We have access to services to assist our staff that are exposed to material of this nature in the course of their duties, but many people have no such access. Please understand the nature of this material and use your wisdom and good judgment regarding its harmful content.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Stan Hilkey, Executive Director
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