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**CARTER KIMBAL LORD GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT AND FORGERY ATTORNEY
GENERAL ANNOUNCES**

DENVER—Colorado Attorney General John Suthers today announced that a Douglas County jury has found an investigator with the Douglas County Coroner’s Office, Carter Kimball Lord (D.O.B. 03/04/47) guilty of embezzlement and forgery. In October 2012, the Criminal Justice Section of the Attorney General’s Office filed a complaint against Lord accusing him of embezzling firearms from the Douglas County Coroner’s Office. An investigation led by the Colorado Bureau of Investigations uncovered the facts surrounding this case.

“We appreciate the thoughtful work of the jury, and believe their verdict represents a just outcome,” Suthers said. We also thank our partners at the CBI for conducting a very thorough and professional investigation,” concluded Suthers.

Guns taken as evidence from suicides in Douglas County were occasionally collected by the Douglas County Coroner’s Office. In four instances, the next of kin released the guns to the Douglas County Coroner’s Office, and those weapons should have been destroyed. Four guns were released to Lord for destruction; however, only one of the four guns was actually destroyed. Lord resold one of the guns, and kept two of the others to sell at a store he owns called The Stock Shop, in Sedalia. Carter Lord filed falsified documents with the Douglas County Coroner’s office showing that the guns had been destroyed.

Cart Lord pled not guilty to the charges and the case was presented to a Douglas County jury on December 17 – 18, 2013. On December 19th the jury returned guilty verdicts on one count of embezzlement and two counts of forgery. Carter Lord will be sentenced on February 24, 2014.

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