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## News Release

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### **Sheriff Taylor Announces Three Promotions**

**Pueblo, CO:** Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor announced the promotions of three employees. Clifford Kindred was promoted to Captain, Caitlin Garcia was promoted to Lieutenant and Bethany Solano was promoted to Sergeant. All appointments were effective June 1.

“Captain Kindred, Lieutenant Garcia and Sergeant Solano are examples of some of the finest we have here at the Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office,” said Taylor. “All three are veteran employees of the sheriff’s office and each have consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic, solid leadership abilities and steadfast dedication to this agency and the residents of Pueblo County. I look forward to their continued commitment in their new leadership roles.”

Kindred, a 22-year veteran of the Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office, was promoted to captain, replacing longtime Captain Leroy Mora, who recently retired. Kindred has been the lieutenant overseeing law enforcement operations at Colorado State University-Pueblo. He previously served as a patrol sergeant and was the inspector of internal affairs. Kindred also worked as a detention and patrol deputy. He will oversee patrol operations in the law enforcement bureau.

“I am very humbled, appreciative and grateful to be given the opportunity to serve in the role as Captain at the Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office,” Kindred said. “I think the experience I already have with the organization, coupled with the experience I will gain in this new position along with my enthusiasm will assist me in better serving the community and the agency.”

Garcia is a 13-year veteran of the Sheriff’s Office and currently has been the sergeant working as the inspector in internal affairs. Garcia began her career in detention where she also worked in intake reception. She moved to patrol where she was promoted to investigations and specialized in crime scene investigation. She is certified in forensic interview and handled sexual assault cases. Garcia recently received National Certification in Internal Affairs. She previously was a member of the Sheriff’s Mounted Patrol and the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Critical Incident Team.

“The Sheriff’s Office has provided me with some amazing opportunities and valuable training experience,” Garcia said. “I am excited to pass my knowledge on to others in the agency.”



Solano has been with the sheriff's office for 11 years. She most recently has been a detective in the investigation's unit. Solano began her career as a detention deputy where she also worked in jail intake, the property division and was a member of the jail STAT team. She was promoted to patrol deputy where she also worked as a school resource officer. Solano is co-chair of the Sheriff's Awards Committee and is a member of the multi-disciplinary team, which operates through the Child Advocacy Center and focuses on crimes against children.

"I'm thankful for this opportunity to take on this leadership responsibility," said Solano. "I am looking forward to being able to help mold and lead our new deputies in a positive direction."

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