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## JOINT NEWS RELEASE



**DATE:** September 10, 2015

**CONTACTS:** Officer Diana Cooley  
Aurora Police Department  
Public Information Officer  
(303) 739-6022

Agent Chris Amon  
U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Public Information Officer

**NATURE:** **REWARD INCREASE**

**CASE NUMBER:** **15-35038**

**Aurora, Colorado**-On September 6, 2015 at approximately 9:43 p.m. officers were in the 1700 block between North Elmira Street and North Florence Street when they heard shots fired in their direction. The officers did not sustain any injuries, nor were any other victims located.

We are asking anyone who might have witnessed or have information about this shooting to call Detective Schnicke at (303) 739-6931. Tipsters can call Metro Denver Crime Stoppers at (720) 913-7867. By calling Crime Stoppers you can remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.00.

Additionally, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), is offering a reward for up to \$5,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for this shooting. This reward is being offered through a partnership with ATF and the Aurora Police Department under the Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) initiative. You can email tips to [atftips@atf.gov](mailto:atftips@atf.gov)



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*Information previously released on September 9, 2015:*

**DATE:** September 8, 2015

**CONTACT:** Officer Diana Cooley, Public Information Officer 720-432-5095

**NATURE:** Suspicious Threats Call and Shots Fired

**CASE NUMBER:** 15-35021-Phone Threat and 15-35038-Shots Fired

**Aurora, Colorado-** The Aurora Police Department received a threatening call from an unidentified individual through our Public Safety Communications (911 dispatch) on September 6, 2015 at approximately 5:49 p.m. from a disconnected cell phone.

The caller stated the following: "It's time that you guys know we are no longer playing around with the police departments. Aurora and Denver we are about to start striking fear shooting down all cops that we see by their selves (sic). This will go for the Sheriff's Department. You guys are evicting innocent people. Let us catch you by ya'll [phonetic] self and it's shots fired."

The audio for this call has been provided in this email.

The Aurora Police Department is actively investigating this incident. At this time there is no new information involving this case.

We are asking anyone with information in regards to the threatening call to contact Sergeant Renner at 303-739-1690.

On September 6, 2015 at approximately 9:43 p.m. 911 dispatch received multiple calls on shots fired in the 1900 block of Elmira St. There were two officers in the area on an unrelated call that also heard what sounded like gun shots. While the officers were in the 1700 block between North Elmira Street and North Florence Street, they heard additional shots fired which were in the direction of the officers. The officers did not sustain any injuries and no victims were located.

Investigators are following up on several leads in this case. It would appear, at this point, this incident is completely unrelated to the suspicious threats call referenced above.

We are asking anyone with information about this incident to contact Detective Brian Schnicke at (303)739-6931.

Anyone with tips about either case can also contact Metro Denver Crime Stoppers at 720-913-STOP (7867). Tipsters to Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous and are eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.



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**Comment from the Chief of Police in reference to both incidents:**

“This is an incredibly intense and challenging time for law enforcement. When violence, or threats of violence occur towards officers, we take it very serious, because I expect my officers to go home safe to their families at the end of their shift.

The other reality is if they are willing to hurt an officer, they are certainly willing to victimize folks in the community.

All that said, it is still incumbent upon law enforcement to step up its role in proactively engaging in building positive and supportive relationships with the community. We all must be willing to have difficult conversations together to promote partnership, trust and understanding. Our focus at this time is the safety of our officers so that they can continue to serve and protect the safety of Aurora’s diverse communities.”

~Chief Nick Metz

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