

# STATE OF COLORADO

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John W. Hickenlooper  
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## D 2012-001

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### Designating State's Prosecutor

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and in particular Colorado Revised Statute 24-31-101(1)(a), I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order designating John Suthers, Attorney General for the State of Colorado, as the State's prosecutor, to prosecute the criminal cases relating to Patrick Sullivan and Dillon Grilley.

#### I. Background, Need and Purpose

In November, 2011, former Arapahoe County Sheriff, Patrick Sullivan, was arrested for drug-related offenses. The District Attorney's Office for the 18th Judicial District filed multiple charges against Messrs. Sullivan and Grilley.

On January 9, 2012, the District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District, which includes Arapahoe County, requested that the Governor appoint the Attorney General as special prosecutor in these matters. The District Attorney requested action by the Governor because Mr. Sullivan is the former Arapahoe County Sherriff.

#### II. Directive

I hereby appoint John Suthers, Attorney General for the State of Colorado, to be the State's prosecutor and direct him to take all necessary actions to investigate and prosecute, on behalf of the State of Colorado, the existing criminal cases against Patrick Sullivan and Dillon Grilley, as well as any other criminal cases that might arise in Colorado against Messrs. Sullivan and Grilley, from any ongoing investigations.

III. Duration

This appointment and this Executive Order shall expire upon completion of the Attorney General's investigation and prosecution related to the matters herein, unless modified or terminated by Executive Order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this eighteenth day of  
January, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor