



media alert

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TO: Media covering the 3rd Judicial District (Huerfano and Las Animas counties)
FROM: Rob McCallum, Public Information Officer
RE: Court and probation services suspended at the Walsenburg Courthouse

Third Judicial District suspends court and probation operations at the Huerfano County Courthouse in Walsenburg until further notice

WALSENBURG, Colo. – Court and probation operations at the Huerfano County Courthouse in Walsenburg have been suspended until further notice. The suspension of court and probation operations comes out of concern for public and court staff safety while entering or exiting the building. On Friday, March 4, large sections of rock broke loose and fell from the courthouse tower.

People scheduled to appear in court or those with probation appointments on Tuesday, March 8; Wednesday, March 9; Thursday, March 10; or Friday, March 11, 2011, are not required to appear at the courthouse in Walsenburg on those dates. However, those individuals are required to call 719-738-1040 on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, for further instructions.

State officials from the Judicial Department and State Office of Risk Management are in the process of evaluating the building. A formal report on that evaluation is expected to be released later this week. In the meantime, local court officials are in the process of securing another location in the area for the court and probation to conduct business.