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**SHERIFF LOU VALLARIO**  
**GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Title: Sheriff Vallario supports the recently filed: Federal-Preemption Legal Challenge to Colorado's "Recreational-Marijuana" Law**

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GARFIELD COUNTY, Colo. –

Sheriff Vallario was not a plaintiff in the recently announced "Federal Preemption Legal Challenge to Colorado's "Recreational Marijuana" Law however he does have definite opinions about Colorado's Amendment 64 and remains a plaintiff in the lawsuit alleging the violation of our Second Amendment rights by the State of Colorado.

Sheriff Vallario states:

I was very aware that this lawsuit was in the works having been involved in several discussions about the Constitutionality of Amendment 64 with some of the people involved. I didn't know if or when it would be filed

I am fully supportive of this lawsuit which addresses several concerns that I have repeatedly voiced since the legalization of Marijuana became a serious topic. In addition to the many public safety concerns, impacts on Colorado and surrounding states, legal issues regarding the Supremacy Clause, and most importantly the negative impact on our youth, I am concerned that legalizing the use of a controlled substance puts me, and all other law enforcement officers sworn to uphold the State Constitution and well as the Constitution of the United States, in a position where we are violating one to uphold the other.

I hope that this lawsuit will eventually be heard in the US Supreme Court and settle, once and for all, whether Amendment 64 (and other Marijuana legalization laws passed in other states) is a state right or a matter of Federal concern. Once that ruling occurs, it will resolve the quandary that all law enforcement officers in all of those states face every day.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

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