



COLORADO COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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**COLORADO COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTRAGED OVER
MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER IN BLACK HAWK**
Mayor is currently on felony probation for pistol-whipping his wife

(DENVER – July 13, 2006) The Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is outraged over the appointment of David Spellman as the Mayor of the City of Black Hawk.

The Mayor of Black Hawk is on felony probation for pistol-whipping his wife at their home in Gilpin County in 2005 and entered his plea last month to felony and misdemeanor charges.

The city council's unanimous endorsement of David Spellman as the new mayor and chief law enforcement officer of the City of Black Hawk raises serious questions as to the integrity of the council and sends the wrong message to the community and to victims of domestic violence.

CCADV is urging that the Mayor of Black Hawk resign immediately and preserve the integrity of the office that he holds.

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Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) - www.ccadv.org - is a 25-year old statewide, grassroots, nonprofit organization providing resources, education, and training, and serving as a voice to more than 80 members and 60 programs serving some 40,000 battered women and children in Colorado each year.