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## Board Members Needed!

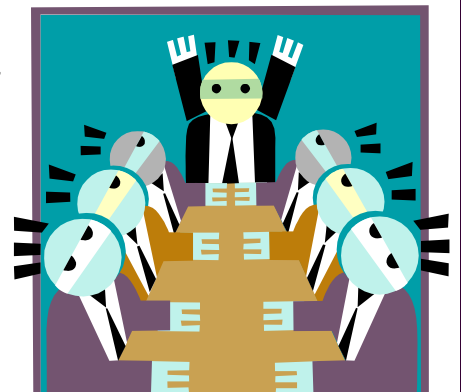
The Colorado Welfare Fraud Council is looking for members interested in serving on the Board of CWFC!

The membership list currently includes State Office Supervisors and Program Managers, Investigator's from other states as well as local county employees, and even Human Services Directors and County Commissioners! County members include employees from all aspects of public assistance, from Intake to the Directors Office, from employees who work in local District and County Attorneys Offices to county level finance and business offices.

Do you want to make a difference and have a voice in the new direction and chal-

lenges CWFC will face in the future? Would you like to provide suggestions and ideas about how to make the annual CWFC Training Conference an even more educational and informational experience? Do you have a desire to change current State Statutes, work on a Website, or contribute to the Resource Guide? By becoming a Board Member you can take an active part in changing program rules, recognizing outstanding individuals and groups, and you can help provide training at the local level.

Meetings are held every third Friday of the month at different Human and Social Ser-



vice agencies around the state, the dates and times are posted on the website.

Contact Sharon Beckers if you are interested!  
303-227-2122  
[Sbeckers@adcogov.org](mailto:Sbeckers@adcogov.org)

## Membership Drive

In November, a mass mailing went out in order to solicit members to renew their membership with CWFC. We also sent information to individuals who had never been members or were not aware of the good work that the members of CWFC do every day!

We need your help to recruit new members to the Colorado Welfare Fraud Council. Please share the brochure you received with those you feel might be interested in learning more about CWFC. I have included the membership form on page 4 of this newsletter.

Pass on the good word about CWFC and help us retain a strong membership!

Thank you for all of the hard work you do every day!

## Couple Guilty in \$53,000 Welfare Fraud

By Paul Shockley, GJ Sentinel



An Aurora couple, including a former Mesa County Department of Human Services caseworker, will serve probation under the terms of a plea agreement stemming from what authorities have called Mesa County's largest welfare fraud prosecution.

Tony Padilla Jr., 46, and his wife, Veronica, 42, pleaded guilty Monday to single counts of theft of more than 400 but less than \$15,000 before District Judge Brian Flynn. In exchange, the District Attorney's Office moved to dismiss 27 charges.

"This is to my benefit financially," Tony Padilla said, when asked by the judge why he wanted to plead guilty.

"I just want to get it over with," he added.

The plea agreement calls for probation for Tony Padilla, along with the possibility of a sentence in the Mesa County

Jail He has prior felony convictions for auto theft in 1984, second-degree assault in 1994 and menacing with a deadly weapon in 2006.

Veronica Padilla's plea deal calls for probation and a four-year deferred judgment, meaning she could potentially erase the theft conviction if she stays out of trouble for the next four years. She has no prior criminal record.

The Padillas will also owe restitution to the county's Department of Human Services.

Susan Skyberg, supervisor of fraud investigations with the Mesa County Department of Human Services, said they'll ask the judge to order a full repayment of more than \$53,000. The Padillas were charged in September 2011 with stealing more than \$53,000 worth of adoption subsidy assistance by falsely claiming they were supporting two adopted daughters between September 2003 and November 2009, according to an arrest warrant affidavit.

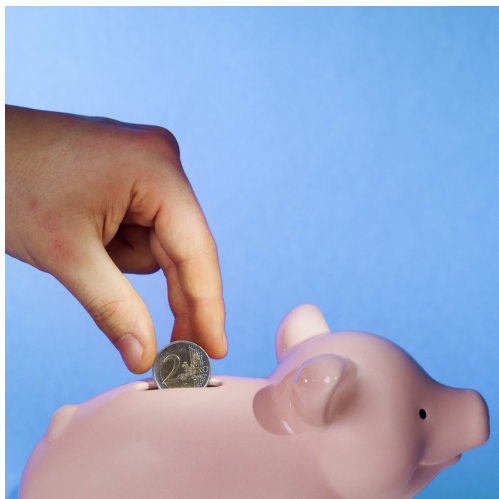
The subsidy includes a monthly

stipend for parents of adopted children with special needs until the child turns 18. The investigation showed the Padillas took assistance from the program despite the fact the two girls in question weren't living in their home. They didn't financially support the girls' caretakers, either, the affidavit said.

Interviewed in August 2010, Veronica Padilla initially told investigators she didn't understand the paperwork, the affidavit said.

Veronica Padilla was a senior case manager with the Mesa County Department of Human Services' child welfare division at the time the crimes were committed. She was a case manager between March 1994 and April 2005, before rejoining the organization in May 2007. She also worked one year for the child welfare division of the Colorado Department of Human Services. She left Mesa County in October 2010, two months after being questioned in the fraud probe.

The Padillas will be sentenced June 3.



## Conference Registration Fees

We are working hard at collecting sponsorship monies for the CWFC conference. There are a few sponsors that we are waiting for final commitments from. With that said, the conference registration fees have not been finalized yet. The more money we can raise, the lower the registration fees will be. Instead of settling for what we have already collected, we are pushing hard to collect as much as possible from all potential sponsors. As soon as

we have final numbers prepared we will release an announcement with the cost(s). We do know that we will have a day trip registration and a full conference registration fee. The 2013 conference is lining up to be a fun and incredibly informative conference with new sessions across the board. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Conference Keynote Speaker

We are thrilled to announce our keynote speaker for the 2013 CWFC Conference. This gentleman is an internationally renowned speaker and expert in the field of identity theft. He has provided keynote addresses with organizations such as Pfizer, Department of Defense, Federal Trade Commission, and Blue Cross Blue Shield. News organizations covet his expertise when covering stories on identity theft. He has been a guest on national news shows such as 60 minutes, NBC, and Fox &

Friends. This gentleman has written several books, including Privacy Means Profit, Smartphone Survival Guide, and Facebook Safety Survival Guide to name a few.

This year's keynote speaker will be John Sileo. You can learn more about Mr. Sileo by visiting his website at [www.sileo.com](http://www.sileo.com). His first reaction after hearing about CWFC, our members and the mission of the organization was that it would be a great privilege to be able to present to

CWFC.

John is a Denver resident who experienced his own troubles with identity theft. He will be discussing how to keep ourselves safe in the technology age, as well as the importance of protecting our client's identity. The title of his presentation will be 'Think Like a Spy'. Mr. Sileo is a captivating speaker and will easily provide you with a unique opportunity to get an insider's perspective on identity theft.

Bridget Convey

We are very excited about our keynote speaker as he is a top notch, in demand speaker who will bring a high level topic to a personal level for all attendees. Make a special note to be in attendance for the keynote this year, you do not want to miss this!

## Things To Do While in Loveland

During this year's conference, will have a free evening to hang out with new friends, reminisce with our old friends and make some new memories. With that said, here are some ideas of how you could spend your evening:

10 Things to do in Loveland during free time

**1. Charge it!** The Embassy Suites are within a few miles of the outlet mall, Target, and the newly developed outdoor mall.

**2. Catch a flick.** There is a movie theater about one mile from our hotel.

**3. Get a rub down.** The hotel will be offering discounted spa services this year.

**4. Jump into the deep.** The hotel offers a great heated pool and hot tub for your enjoyment.

**5. Become a glutton.** Did you know there are 822 restaurants within 15 miles of Loveland? Just remember to use the shuttle service, offered free of charge, if you plan on partaking in adult beverage consumption.

**6. Learn to be a card shark.** Start up a card game in the commons area of the hotel. It's a great way to meet new people and hang out with people you are already familiar with.

**7. Relax!** You work hard all year long. Turn on some sweet tunes, run a nice hot bubble bath, and grab that book you've been meaning to read for the past year.

**8. Work it out.** Embassy Suites offers some nice equipment to work out on, whether you do it every day or just want to try working out for 5 minutes, it's free and triggers endorphin production

which makes your brain feel happy!

**9. Take a hike.** There are many places that are within walking distance to the hotel. This will allow you to catch some rays, catch up with friends, and get some exercise.

**10. Become a sun Goddess / God.** Go outside and just lay like lettuce, chill like a cucumber, or be like broccoli. Vitamin D is a natural metabolism booster and helps regulate our immune system.

Visit

[www.embassysuitesloveland.com](http://www.embassysuitesloveland.com)

for more  
information  
about the  
conference hotel  
and location.



**CWFC Memberships for 2013 are now being accepted**

The Colorado Welfare Fraud Council has been in existence since 1984 and is still going strong! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the officers, board and general membership over the years, the Council has been able to maintain a strong presence in human services agencies throughout the state. There are currently over 140 members of CWFC and we want to add to that number for 2013! I encourage you to share information about our organization with others and help the Membership Committee increase our numbers. The annual dues remain an affordable \$20.00 per year.

CWFC memberships cover the year from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. The membership affords you access to the CWFC newsletter, *The Informer*, and the website [www.cwfc.us](http://www.cwfc.us). In addition, you'll have access to the Council's resources to support you in maintaining program integrity and the fight against welfare fraud.

Please be sure to spread the word about CWFC and all of the good work our members do every day to detect, investigate and prosecute those guilty of welfare fraud!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Parrilli-Cole  
Vice-President and Membership Committee Chair, CWFC, 2012-2013

\*Please print legibly and complete membership form in its entirety\*

**2013 CWFC Membership Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

New Member     Returning Member     Renewal     Change of Contact Information Only

2013 Annual Membership is \$20.00. Please make checks payable to CWFC and mail with this completed membership form to:

CWFC, P.O. Box 890, Canon City, CO 81215

\*\*Please report any changes to your contact information as soon as possible\*\*



# Award Nomination Form

\*\*\*Nominees need not be CWFC members\*\*\*

(Check only one per nomination)

### **Ted Cole Memorial Award**

This award recognizes an individual or group who demonstrated excellence in performance that enhances the general principles and goals of the CWFC, public relations, positive contribution to newsletter, legislation, or other printed forums that relate to preventing public assistance fraud and the promotion of the CWFC.

### **Outstanding Group or Individual of the Year**

This award recognizes an individual or group of individuals who have made an important contribution and/or a major impact in the prevention, detection, prosecution, and recovery of fraudulently obtained public assistance within the last year

### **Prosecutor of the Year**

This award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution and/or shown excellence in the prosecution of fraud.

### **Income Maintenance Tech, Eligibility Worker, or Case Manager of the Year**

This award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution and/or demonstrates excellence in the prevention of public assistance or food assistance fraud.

### **Recovery, Legal, Investigative Tech of the Year**

This award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution and/or demonstrates excellence in the recovery of public assistance or food assistance fraud.

### **Investigator of the Year**

This award includes all Investigators from local, state and federal levels. It recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution and/or exhibited excellence in the investigation of fraud and program abuse.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for Nomination- please attach your nomination on department letterhead**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax or E-mail nominations to Jeff Bonadies or any Awards Committee member by April 30, 2013**

**Phone: Fax: 719/589-9794**

**E-mail: [Jeff.Bonadies@state.co.us](mailto:Jeff.Bonadies@state.co.us)**





May 8, 2013

*Dear members of the Colorado Welfare Fraud Council,*

Welcome back to Embassy Suites Loveland Hotel, Spa & Conference Center. We would like to, once again, invite you to enjoy a unique experience at **Spa Botanica**, located in the hotel lobby of Embassy Suites, during your stay.

Our Spa is focused on relaxation and would be the perfect stress reliever while you have free time during your conference. We would like to personally invite your group to enjoy our services which are performed by highly trained professionals.

We offer an ultimate relaxation lounge and steam rooms. Luxurious robes, slippers and personal lockers are provided. Spa Botanica features Pevonia, Pure Fiji, Spa Ritual & Shellac product lines.

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*Purchase any Facial and receive an Eye Renew or Youthful Lips at half price*

*\$10 OFF Classic Manicure & Pedicure Combo*



*Receive a FREE Scalp Massage when you book a Massage or Back Facial*



*Receive 15% off any service of \$75 or more*



These specials may not be combined with any other offer or discount. Please inform the Spa Receptionist you are with the **CWFC** conference (affiliated guests included) when booking your appointment in order to receive your exclusive discounts.

Please view our spa menu at: [www.embassysuitesloveland.com](http://www.embassysuitesloveland.com)

Please call or stop in to schedule your appointment today.

**970.612.2380**