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## Press Release

The District Attorney's Office announced today the filing of charges against Tracey Bennett. Following a thorough investigation, Tracey Bennett has been charged with: 18-8-306: Attempt to Influence a Public Servant (Class 4 Felony), 18-5-102 Forgery (Class 5 Felony), 1-13-709.5: Residence--false information (Class 5 Felony), 1-13-104: Perjury (Class 2 Misdemeanor), and 1-13-203: Procuring False Registration (Class 2 Misdemeanor). She surrendered and released on a court-ordered personal recognizance bond of ten thousand dollars. She was ordered to appear at 1:30 p.m. on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

House of Representatives District 12 is represented by Tracey Bennett. In 2020, she met the residency requirement because her primary residence in Longmont was within District 12. As a result of the 2021 redistricting process, parts of District 12 and District 19 were redrawn. Since November 2021, her Longmont address has been in House District 19.

During 2021 and 2022, Representative Bennett filed sworn documents with the Secretary of State's Office, declaring her primary residence to be in Louisville and within House District 12.

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, a resident submitted a complaint to the District Attorney's Office alleging that State Representative Tracey Bennett had falsely claimed that she resided in Louisville.

After receiving the citizen complaint, the District Attorney's Office notified the Boulder County Clerk & Recorder's Office. The DA's Office learned that ballots had already been printed, Representative Bennett's name appeared on the printed ballots, and that mailed ballots would include her name as a candidate regardless of the outcome of this investigation.

The District Attorney's Office investigated whether Representative Bennett falsely represented her primary address in order to run for re-election in House District 12. The investigation included the use of witness interviews, search warrants, and cell phone location data in order to determine whether her primary residence was in Longmont -- or at an apartment that she had rented in Louisville, starting in November 2021.

The initial investigation concluded this week and investigators presented an Arrest Affidavit & Warrant to the Court.

As a result of the investigation, it is alleged that Ms. Bennett falsely represented her primary residence over a nine-month period. It is alleged that, although she rented an apartment in Louisville in order to qualify for elected office, she did not actually live there. And, in so doing, she filed false, sworn documents with the Secretary of State's Office. It is, also, alleged that by misrepresenting her residence, she voted in a primary election in a district in which she does not actually live.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "The District Attorney's Office has concluded a thorough investigation. I appreciate the efforts of the investigators assigned to this case, including using proper investigative tools such as the judicially authorized search warrants. Based on the facts and the law, we will now move forward with a criminal prosecution. As in every case, our goal is to seek the right outcome – without fear or favor."

*\*As in every case, the charges are merely allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*