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NEWS RELEASE

Grant County Sheriff's Office Announces Arrest of Area School Teacher in CSAM Investigation

On Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at approximately 10:48 a.m., the Grant County Sheriff's Office arrested area schoolteacher Whitney C. Vandenberg following an ongoing investigation into the possible possession and distribution of child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

Grant County Sheriff's Office detectives had been investigating Vandenberg in connection with the allegations. Deputies and detectives worked together to locate and execute an arrest warrant. The arrest occurred without incident, and Vandenberg was subsequently booked into the Grant County Detention Center.

Vandenberg, who was a teacher with the Silver Consolidated School District, is charged with the following felonies:

- Two counts of Distribution of Child Sexual Abuse Material,
- One count of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material,
- Two counts of Tampering with Evidence

Additional search warrants and other investigative procedures are currently underway to ensure a full, fair, and accurate investigation in the pursuit of justice.

The Grant County Sheriff's Office continues to make every effort to protect the safety and security of the residents it serves. This investigation remains ongoing, and additional information will be released as it becomes available and as permitted by law.

All individuals are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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