



PRESS RELEASE

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SASO Offers Support, Resources, and Advocacy for Survivors in the Ed Aber Case

Durango, CO – Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO) is deeply disturbed by the recent revelations regarding former La Plata County Jail Commander Ed Aber, who is alleged to have committed serious violations of privacy and professional conduct. According to the arrest affidavit, Aber viewed video footage of strip searches more than 3,000 times for the purpose of sexual gratification. As of this time, 117 individuals have been identified as victims in this case.

SASO acknowledges the courage and resilience of these survivors and is committed to offering comprehensive support throughout the legal process and beyond.

If You Believe You May Be a Victim:

On July 28, 2025, victim notification letters were sent by U.S. Postal Service. If you did not receive one, and believe you may be impacted:

- To confirm your status as a listed victim:
 - Contact Cassie Meredith, Victim Services at the District Attorney's Office
 - 970-382-6346
 - Reference: DA's Case #25M532
- To provide information to investigators:
 - Contact Stephon Lobato, Colorado Bureau of Investigation
 - Stephon.Lobato@state.co.us
 - Reference: CBI Case #2025-0003
- If you currently have criminal charges pending and believe this case may impact your legal proceedings:
 - Please consult with your Public Defender or legal counsel directly.

SASO Support Services for Survivors

We are here to walk alongside survivors through this traumatic experience. You are not alone. We offer:

- 24/7 Support Line: 970-247-5400
- Court Accompaniment: SASO advocates will attend court proceedings to support survivors. If you would like to have an advocate accompany you to court, please contact our support line.
- Group Therapy & Counseling Referrals: We offer trauma-informed healing groups and can connect survivors with licensed mental health professionals who offer trauma-informed care.
- Assistance with Victim Compensation Applications: SASO can offer guidance in applying for financial assistance related to the crime.
- Help with Victim Impact Statements: Survivors are encouraged to submit Victim Impact Statements, which will be accepted until the sentencing date. SASO can support survivors through the process of writing and submitting their statements.
- Referrals to Civil Legal Assistance: For survivors seeking legal remedies beyond the criminal justice system.

Our Commitment

SASO remains committed to advocating for justice and healing. The actions described in this case represent an appalling abuse of power and trust, and we will continue to fight alongside survivors for accountability and systemic change.

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