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## Sheriff Lou Vallario Garfield County, Colorado

## **NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release

Date: May 14, 2024

Time: 8:00 PM

Title: Garfield County Detention's Deputy Arrested on Domestic Violence Charges

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> Please direct any media requests to the contact above. Do not contact the Garfield County Emergency Communications Center or Patrol staff for media requests.



Sergio Leonel Ramirez-Ayala, (DOB: 12/19/1978)

At approximately 3:00 PM today May 14, 2024, Deputies responded to a call for a Domestic dispute in progress, in the New Castle area.

Deputies responding verified that the suspect was Sergio Leonel Ramirez-Ayala, a Detentions Deputy for the Garfield County Sheriff's Office.

Ramirez was subsequently arrested and transported to the Garfield County Jail. He has been charged with:

18-6-801 Domestic Violence-sentencing

18-3-303 (MIS) False Imprisonment (abduct no ransom or assault) (misdemeanor)

9.44.010 (A) (1) Harassment Shoves Strikes Kicks

18-9-306.5 (MIS) Obstruction of telephone services (misdemeanor)

As with all suspects of Domestic violence, Ramirez will be required to appear before a judge to be advised on the charges prior to being released. Suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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