

<p>DISTRICT COURT  COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO  Douglas County Combined Court  4000 Justice Way  Castle Rock, CO 80109</p> <hr/> <p>THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO,</p> <p>v.</p> <p><b>TROY BRIENZO</b></p> <p>Defendant.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</p>
<p>District Attorney:  GEORGE BRAUCHLER, #25910  23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Attorney</p> <p>Danielle Jaramillo, Chief Deputy District Attorney*  Lauren Raible, Deputy District Attorney*  Brynn Chase, Deputy District Attorney*  4000 Justice Way, Suite 2525 A, Castle Rock, CO 80109  Phone: 720-733-4500  Atty. Reg. #: 43542, 55020 and 54633  *Counsel of Record</p>	<p>Case No:  GJ Case No.: 25CR1</p> <p>Courtroom:</p>
<p><b>2025 TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT GRAND JURY INDICTMENT</b></p>	

**COUNT 1: UNLAWFUL SEXUAL CONDUCT BY A PEACE OFFICER, C.R.S. 18-3-405.7(1)(a) (F4)**

**COUNT 2: UNLAWFUL SEXUAL CONDUCT BY A PEACE OFFICER, C.R.S. 18-3-405.7(1)(c) (F4)**

**COUNT 3: UNLAWFUL SEXUAL CONTACT, C.R.S. 18-3-405.7(1)(a) (M1)**

**COUNT 4: OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT, C.R.S. 18-8-404(1)(c) (M1)**

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Of the term of the 2025 Twenty-Third Judicial District Grand Jury, the Twenty-Third Judicial District Grand Jurors, chosen, selected, and sworn in Twenty-Third Judicial District , in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Colorado, upon their oaths, present the following described acts, all done contrary to the form of statutes in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the People of the State of Colorado, as stated in the counts attached hereto:

**COUNT 1: UNLAWFUL SEXUAL CONDUCT BY A PEACE OFFICE (F4)**

Between and including January 3, 2026 and January 4, 2026, Troy Brienzo unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly engaged in sexual contact with [REDACTED] and, in the same encounter, the defendant contacted [REDACTED] for the purpose of law enforcement or in the exercise of the defendant’s employment activities or duties; in violation of section 18-3-405.7(1)(a), (2)(a) C.R.S.

**COUNT 2: UNLAWFUL SEXUAL CONDUCT BY A PEACE OFFICE (F4)**

Between and including January 3, 2026 and January 4, 2026, Troy Brienzo unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly engaged in sexual contact with [REDACTED] and, in furtherance of the sexual contact, the defendant made any show of real or apparent authority; in violation of section 18-3-405.7(1)(c), (2)(a), C.R.S.

**COUNT 3-UNLAWFUL SEXUAL CONTACT (M1)**

Between and including January 3, 2026 and January 4, 2026, Troy Brienzo unlawfully and knowingly subjected [REDACTED] to sexual contact, and the defendant knew that [REDACTED] did not consent; in violation of section 18-3-404(1)(a), C.R.S.

**COUNT 4-OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT 1 (M1)**

Between and including January 3, 2026 and January 4, 2026, Troy Brienzo, a public servant, with intent to obtain a benefit for any person, unlawfully and knowingly violated a statute or lawfully adopted rule or regulation relating to his office; in violation of section 18-8-404 (1)(c), C.R.S.

**COUNT 5-OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT 1 (M1)**

Between and including December 19, 2021 and December 18, 2023, Troy Brienzo, a public servant, with intent to obtain a benefit for any person, unlawfully and knowingly violated a statute or lawfully adopted rule or regulation relating to his office; in violation of section 18-8-404 (1)(c), C.R.S.

**COUNT 6-OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT 1 (M1)**

Between and including January 3, 2026 and January 4, 2026, Troy Brienzo, a public servant, with intent to obtain a benefit for any person, unlawfully and knowingly committed an act relating to his office but constituting an unauthorized exercise of his official function; in violation of section 18-8-404 (1)(a), C.R.S.

**COUNT 7-OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT 1 (M1)**

Between and including December 19, 2021 and December 18, 2023, Troy Brienzo, a public servant, with intent to obtain a benefit for any person, unlawfully and knowingly committed an act relating to his office but constituting an unauthorized exercise of his official function; in violation of section 18-8-404 (1)(a), C.R.S.

All offenses against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of Colorado.

Several witnesses testified before the Grand Jury. The evidence, including all exhibits admitted, and testimony from the witnesses and during the grand jury session(s) establish the following facts:

1. On January 12, 2026, Detective Krista Bunten from the Littleton Police Department was assigned an investigation into allegations of inappropriate conduct by Sergeant Troy Brienzo, DOB [REDACTED] from the Parker Police Department.
2. Detective Bunten interviewed the reporting party, Detective Beverly Wilson from the Parker Police department on January 14, 2026. Detective Wilson has disclosed to Detective Bunten and through grand jury testimony that on January 7, 2026 she met with two Parker Police Officers, Stephanie Gherbaz and Danielle Terry. She met with these officers in her capacity as a peer support person at the Parker Police Department. Officers Gherbaz and Terry disclosed that an explorer by the name of [REDACTED] had told them that Sergeant Brienzo had a conversation with [REDACTED] where he discussed having inappropriate thoughts and hooking up with certain individuals at the police department. [REDACTED] stated that Sergeant Brienzo also had conversations with her about his relationships and his sex life. [REDACTED] shared with Stephanie that another explorer named [REDACTED] had similar conversations with Sergeant Brienzo. [REDACTED] was later identified by Detective Bunten as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was later identified by Detective Bunten as [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
3. Officer Gherbaz went on to describe to Detective Beverly Wilson that she had also had a recent conversation with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] interactions with Sergeant Brienzo. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] described to Officer Gherbaz that [REDACTED] had done a ride along with Sergeant Brienzo the previous weekend and that he had sexual conversations with [REDACTED] on that ride along. [REDACTED] also disclosed that Sergeant Brienzo had subjected her to sexual contact during that ride along. According to Detective Beverly Wilson, Officer Gherbaz had stated that [REDACTED] disclosed that during a practice pat down search, Sergeant Brienzo touched [REDACTED] breasts and crotch, both above and below her clothing and that he had taken her hands and ran them down his erect penis. Sergeant Brienzo continued to have sexual conversations with [REDACTED] that night, and at one point he solicited [REDACTED] for additional sexual contact, but she declined and nothing further occurred physically.
4. The Parker Police Department Explorers program is a program designed for 14 to 20 year olds who have an interest in law enforcement. It is similar to a job shadowing program where youth volunteers learn the Colorado Revised Statutes, case law, defensive tactics, how to do high risk traffic stops, etc. Explorers have different uniforms that they are expected to wear whenever they are at trainings, competitions, or ride alongs. At the Parker Police Department, the explorer program has officers who are advisors over the program. There is also sergeant who is assigned to supervise the officers and the explorer program itself. When a law enforcement officer is assigned to the explorer program, it is part of their assigned job duties with their employment.
5. Under the Explorer Post Rules of Conduct, explorers are required to “follow all lawful orders given by higher ranking members of the exploring command staff, commissioned officers or other members of the Parker Police Department. Insubordination will not be tolerated.” Further, all relationships between explorers and commissioned officers must be of a professional nature only. If a lawful order is given by a superior officer which in conflict with any previous order or directive, that explorer is told to bring that conflict

to the attention of the superior officer. Under the Explorer Post Rules of Conduct, all incidents of misconduct and or violations of the rules must be reported to advisors in writing through the chain of command. Any violation of these regulations is grounds for disciplinary action against that explorer.

6. As of January 3, 2026, [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old and [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old; they were both explorers with the Parker Police Department. Sergeant Troy Brienzo was a law enforcement officer and Sergeant with the Parker Police Department. Part of Sergeant Brienzo's official duties consisted of being the acting Sergeant over the Parker Police Department Explorer Program as well as being an acting Sergeant over a patrol shift. Brienzo was in a supervising role to both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the explorer program.
7. On January 13, 2026, Detective Buntin interviewed [REDACTED]. Detective Buntin was able to discover the following information based on [REDACTED] interview as well as other records she obtained. On January 3, 2026, [REDACTED] reached out to Sergeant Troy Brienzo and asked to talk with him about a conversation that had occurred at the explorer training earlier that day. [REDACTED] described that at the explorer training, the explorer advisors were discussing the fact that some explorers were being rude and ungrateful. The explorer advisors had stated that if someone was not doing their job, they could be booted from their position. [REDACTED] told Detective Buntin that she had concerns about this conversation and wanted to make sure that she was not coming off as rude or ungrateful. She knew that the advisors would have discussed this issue with Sergeant Brienzo, so she reached out to Brienzo by text message after the training, asking if she could talk with him. Sergeant Brienzo invited [REDACTED] to do a law enforcement ride along with him that evening in order to talk about those concerns.
8. The evening of January 3, 2026, Sergeant Brienzo was on a patrol shift as the acting supervisor during the swing shift that evening; that shift typically runs from 2 pm until midnight. Prior to the ride along, Sergeant Brienzo told [REDACTED] that she did not need to wear her explorer uniform during the ride along that evening.
9. Between 7:30 and 8 pm, Sergeant Brienzo picked up [REDACTED] from the Parker Police Department in his marked patrol car. Sergeant Brienzo was wearing his full officer uniform during this ride along. Sergeant Brienzo did not notify dispatch or update his computer systems to indicate he had an explorer riding along with him, as is standard procedure. Sergeant Brienzo and [REDACTED] responded to two calls for service between 8 pm and 11 pm. No other law enforcement officers responded to those calls. Also, during that time period between 8 and 11 pm, Sergeant Brienzo and [REDACTED] talked while riding around in his marked patrol car.
10. During the ride along, Sergeant Brienzo talked to [REDACTED] about his current girlfriend and the difficulties he was having with his relationship. He described that his current girlfriend was not meeting his physical and sexual needs. Sergeant Brienzo spoke to [REDACTED] regarding some sexual fantasies that he had been thinking about. Sergeant Brienzo told [REDACTED] that one of his fantasies was to have sex with someone in the back of his patrol car. He asked [REDACTED] that if hypothetically he were to ask her if she wanted to pull over to the side of the road and have sex in the back of his cop car, would

that ruin their relationship. ■■■ told him that she would say no but that this conversation did not ruin their relationship. ■■■ told him that one of the reasons she would say no is because she was an explorer and he was an advisor in a mentor position.

11. Sergeant Brienzo then asked ■■■ “How fire would it be if I were to have a rider and I could just reach my hand over and start touching them?” ■■■ took this to mean sexually. ■■■ described in her interview that she started to get a little uncomfortable at this point because she was currently a rider with Brienzo. Sergeant Brienzo went on to describe other sexual hypotheticals and fantasies such as having oral sex with someone who was riding along with him.
12. Sergeant Brienzo also asked ■■■ about her sexual experiences as well as asking her what her age range would be for a sexual partner. When ■■■ told Brienzo that her range was 19 to 25, Brienzo told her that she should also consider older sexual partners because older men are willing to engage in performing oral sex on women. Brienzo told ■■■ that he loves performing oral sex on girls and that if that were to be all that occurred between himself and a female, he would be happy and could do it forever.
13. ■■■ described to Detective Buntin that she attempted to divert the conversations away from sexual topics multiple times, but Brienzo continued to return to the topic. Eventually, Sergeant Brienzo told ■■■ that none of the things he asked about were actual hypotheticals and he wanted to do them all with her. Sergeant Brienzo asked ■■■ what her answer would be if he was to ask her to do these sexual things. ■■■ told him her answer would be “honestly, no”. ■■■ told Brienzo that she did not see him that way and she didn’t see their relationship that way.
14. Sergeant Brienzo asked ■■■ if she had ever had a crush on him. ■■■ told Brienzo that she had a schoolgirl crush when she was 16 when she first joined but other than that, she did not. Brienzo asked ■■■ if she had a crush on him now. ■■■ told him that she did not. Brienzo told ■■■ that he found her attractive when she was 16 and they had both attended an explorer competition out of state. He also admitted that he had found ■■■ butt attractive when she had gotten her new uniform pants. Brienzo admitted to ■■■ that he knew his attraction to her was wrong. Sergeant Brienzo asked ■■■ for a naked picture of herself and she responded that she was not going to give him that.
15. Again, Sergeant Brienzo described a fantasy of taking her into a room at the Parker Police Department and doing a search on her. He described taking off all her clothes during the search and touching each other sexually. ■■■ told him that would be crazy and she wasn’t interested. Sergeant Brienzo then said they could keep their clothes on and he could just touch her in certain places. He asked her “how hot would it be that only us know and there are other people at the pd but when we walk out of that room only we know that we have this relationship.” ■■■ responded “probably not.”
16. At that point, ■■■ described that she attempted to divert the conversation saying that maybe it was something they could do that when she was no longer an explorer or when she aged out of the program. Sergeant Brienzo asked if she would change her mind if he was no longer part of the explorer post and she told him no because he was still a police

officer with the police department and she was a consistent volunteer. ■ added that they would both still be involved in the department in that respect and they would still have the same type of relationship because he was above her at the department.

17. ■ described that Sergeant Brienzo persisted and asked ■ if she would go back to the Parker Police Department with him to the explorer cages where he could perform a more touchy search on her. ■ told him if that was going to be enough for him, then she would agree to it. ■ told Sergeant Brienzo he could do the pat down search but she wanted their clothes to stay on; ■ said that the search could be “a slightly more touchy search, but only slightly.” ■ did not believe that Sergeant Brienzo would place his hands under her clothing. Sergeant Brienzo told ■ that they needed to have a story ready to tell others if they were seen in the equipment area so that no one would know what they were actually doing there.
18. ■ and Sergeant Brienzo went back to the Parker Police Department around 11 pm. They went to the area where the explorer cages are located, and Sergeant Brienzo opened the explorer cage with his key. Brienzo and ■ went into the cage. Sergeant Brienzo removed his body worn camera and placed it on a shelf. Sergeant Brienzo placed ■ hands behind her back in a basket hold. A basket hold is used by law enforcement so that the officer has control over the movements of the person they are searching. In that hold, it makes it difficult for the person being searched to get their hands apart or turn.
19. Sergeant Brienzo began to perform a pat down search on ■ during the pat down search, Sergeant Brienzo groped ■ breasts over her clothing, which is inconsistent with a pat down search. Sergeant Brienzo then put his hand under ■ sweatshirt and her T-shirt, groping her breasts again, which is inconsistent with a routine pat down search. Initially, Sergeant Brienzo grabbed her breasts over her bra, but she described that after he did that, he placed his hands under her bra and groped her breasts. ■ described that he searched her legs, focusing on her upper inner thigh. She confirmed he touched over her vaginal area but did not go underneath her jeans. During the search, Brienzo put his mouth close to ■ ear and was whispering things to her, which was consistent with what he had told her was his sexual fantasy.
20. Sergeant Brienzo released ■ hands and then tried to kiss ■ backed away and told him “no.” Sergeant Brienzo asked to search her one more time, and ■ allowed him to search her again. During this second search, ■ described that Sergeant Brienzo pulled her hands to touch him on his genitals, over clothes, and he stated, “do you feel what you do to me? I’m so hard right now.” ■ later confirmed with Detective Bunten that Brienzo was in fact erect at this time. During the second pat down search, ■ described that when groping her breasts, Sergeant Brienzo also played with her nipples. After this second pat down, ■ told him that she had enough for the night and began to leave the room.
21. Sergeant Brienzo then told ■ that they would go back to his car. On the way to the car, Sergeant Brienzo told ■ that she could never tell anybody anything about what had just happened. He told her that she could not even tell her closest friends because it could ruin his career and look really bad for ■ He told ■ that he trusted her not to say

anything and that he didn't want her to betray that trust. Sergeant Brienzo then drove [REDACTED] to an empty dirt lot. He told [REDACTED] that he wanted to perform oral sex on her in that lot and that no one would ever know. [REDACTED] told him no. [REDACTED] described that Sergeant Brienzo also talked about the upcoming explorer competition that they were going to in Chandler, Arizona. Brienzo told [REDACTED] that Brienzo was probably going to go with them to the competition and that it would be hot if [REDACTED] had to step out and take a phone call and ended up in Brienzo's hotel room. [REDACTED] described that this freaked her out because she believed there was nothing she could do because Brienzo was a sergeant and she was not. Eventually, Sergeant Brienzo drove [REDACTED] back to her car at the Parker Police Department around 11:50 pm.

22. [REDACTED] disclosed what had occurred to her friend and fellow explorer [REDACTED] on January 4, 2026. [REDACTED] also stated that she disclosed to Officer Stephanie Gerbhaz after she had disclosed to [REDACTED]
23. On January 7, 2026, Commander Jacob Schuster asked Sergeant Brienzo to meet with him. Commander Schuster explained to Sergeant Brienzo that he was being placed on administrative leave. Commander Schuster explained to Sergeant Brienzo that there were allegations, sexual in nature, and that they could be criminal. Sergeant Brienzo immediately slumped over, was shaking, and said he was going to throw up. That same day, Troy Brienzo called his friend, Officer Mitchell Odom, and told him that he was put on leave. He told Officer Odom, "I'm fucked, I'm losing my job."
24. After being placed on leave, Sergeant Brienzo also called a friend Eric Graham. Eric Graham had previously been a police officer with Parker Police Department. He is currently employed by the Colorado Department of Investigation. When Sergeant Brienzo called Eric Graham, Brienzo told Graham that he was in trouble and needed Graham's advice. Brienzo told Graham that he was in trouble for an incident that occurred regarding an adult explorer. Brienzo told Graham that an explorer had called him up for a last minute ride along. The female explorer had shown up in plain clothes for that ride along. At one point, Brienzo was going to show the explorer a weapons frisk. During the pat down frisk, Brienzo said he had asked if there was anything down her bra and she said no. Brienzo said he asked the explorer if he could check and she said that he could. Brienzo told Graham that at that point, he went up her shirt because she had consented to that. Brienzo said it was wanted contact by the explorer and agreed upon between two adults.
25. Detective Bunten also interviewed [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] on February 8, 2026. At the time of the interview, [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old. [REDACTED] had also been an explorer within the Parker Police Department from ages [REDACTED] until [REDACTED]. Brienzo had been one of her explorer advisors at that time. After [REDACTED] aged out of the explorer program, she became a civilian advisor in the program. Between the ages of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and Brienzo had an intimate relationship. During that time period, Brienzo was initially a detective and then he was promoted to sergeant over patrol.
26. [REDACTED] described that she did a ride along with Sergeant Brienzo in which she and Sergeant Brienzo had sex in his Parker Police Department marked patrol vehicle. At the

time of the ride along, Brienzo was the rank of sergeant. [REDACTED] stated that they had driven to Legend High School where they parked the vehicle. The sexual encounter occurred while [REDACTED] was in the passenger seat and Brienzo was standing outside the front passenger seat. [REDACTED] stated that her sexual relationship with Brienzo ended when she was kicked out of the explorer program.

27. Under Parker Police Department Policy and Procedures 6.5.3, Subsection F, sexual misconduct is any sexual activity while on-duty or stemming from official duty. Sexual misconduct of any nature while on duty is prohibited.

**AS TO COUNT 1:**  
A TRUE BILL

A NO TRUE BILL

**SIGNATURE REDACTED**

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**AS TO COUNT 2:**  
A TRUE BILL

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A TRUE BILL

A NO TRUE BILL

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AS TO COUNT 7:  
A TRUE BILL

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\_\_\_\_\_, the Foreperson of the 2025 Twenty-Third Judicial District Grand Jury, do hereby swear and affirm that each and every True Bill returned in this Indictment by the 2025 Twenty-Third Judicial District Grand Jury was arrived at after deliberation and with the assent and agreement to the existence of probable cause by at least nine members of the 2025 Twenty-Third Judicial District Grand Jury.

SIGNATURE REDACTED

2ND Subscribed and sworn to before me in the County of Douglas, State of Colorado, the  
day of April, 2026.



NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 10-24-26

GEORGE H. BRAUCLER  
District Attorney  
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The 2025 Twenty-Third Judicial District Grand Jury presents the within Indictment, and the same is hereby ORDERED FILED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2026.

**WARRANT TO ISSUE**

BOND SET AT No Bond

Ryan Street  
CHIEF JUDGE