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**Boulder Police to ask for investigation of
possible theft of computer documents
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Boulder Police have asked for an investigation by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation into a possible theft of computer documents from a police department computer located in the combined offices of the Boulder County District Attorney and the Boulder Police Department. This is the war room used by investigators assigned to the investigation of the JonBenet Ramsey murder.

The police department has confirmed that someone gained access to a computer containing Ramsey case information at approximately 1 a.m. on Saturday, June 7. The office was protected by electronic security and there were no signs of forced entry. Boulder police detectives discovered an anomaly in the computer on Monday morning, June 9 and immediately called for technical assistance. An assessment, conducted by in-house technicians from the police department and the city's information technology services department, determined the likelihood that a theft of information had occurred.

Technicians from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation were asked to begin an investigation and have made a preliminary examination of the computer equipment that was accessed. They are in the process of conducting further tests. It is not known at this time whether specific information has been removed or not.

Boulder police have hard-copies of the information contained on the computer, however there will be additional work required to verify the accuracy of all computerized reports. Electronic copies will need to be compared against hard copies for any evidence of tampering. According to Detective Commander John Eller, "We don't believe anything has been lost, but we don't know what, if anything, has been copied. Whether this will have an impact on this case depends on the outcome of the investigation."

Additional steps have been taken since this discovery to upgrade the security on individual computers and Commander Eller has asked the investigators to work with the DA's Office on trying to quickly improve security on the room.

Police moved into the war room on June 2. People assigned to this office from the Boulder Police department include one detective supervisor and four detectives. Two attorneys from the District Attorney's Office, one investigator on loan from the Sheriff's Office, and a third investigator from the DA's office also are assigned to this room.

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