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Mesa County, CO— The disappearance and death of Jessica Ridgeway, of Westminster, has parents across the country on high alert, including here in the Grand Valley. In an effort to help parents teach their children age appropriate and useful safety tips, Crime Stoppers of Mesa County and the Mesa County Sheriff's Office are offering a free class for parents. This monthly series of free classes have been offered since August 2012 and continues to be successful.

Community Outreach Deputy Chad Williams of the Sheriff's Office is teaching the October class "Stranger Danger: A Parent's Guide to Teaching Their Children." This class is free and open to parents with children of all ages and will go over the basics every parent should share with their kids when it comes to safety around strangers and defending themselves. This class is designed to give parents tools and resources for teaching their own kids safety techniques and children are welcome to attend.

Due to an overwhelming amount of public interest, the class location and time has slightly changed to be more accommodating. The class will be held at Two Rivers Convention Center on Thursday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m. No reservation is required to attend. For additional information, the public can contact Deputy Williams at (970) 255-3983.

Media is encouraged to attend and cover this class as it is a free resource to our community. For any media inquiries, please contact Heather Benjamin at (970) 986-0950.

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