



ARAPAHOE COUNTY
COLORADO'S FIRST

David C. Walcher
Sheriff

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
13101 E. Broncos Parkway
Centennial, Colorado 80112
Phone: 720-874-4176
Fax: 720-874-4158
www.arapahoesherrif.org
sheriff@arapahoegov.com

NAME: News Editors/ News Directors
FROM: Captain Jared Rowlison
DATE: June 10, 2015
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

MEDIA RELEASE UPDATE

DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING

On June 6, 2015, at approximately 6:26 a.m., the Colorado State Patrol received a report of a single car crash on I-70, westbound near mile marker 324. At approximately 7:20 a.m., an Arapahoe County Deputy Sheriff arrived in the area to check on the people involved in the crash.

Shortly thereafter, a Colorado State Patrol Trooper saw a man walking on I-70, some distance from the crash site. As the Trooper attempted to contact the man, he saw that the man was armed with a handgun. The man ran into the median of I-70 and carjacked a red Chevy Tahoe.

The Trooper who observed the carjacking pursued the suspect in the stolen Tahoe. The pursuit reached an excess of 100 miles per hour and ended when the Tahoe crashed on the westbound off ramp at Exit 310.

A number of law enforcement agencies were arriving in the area and an exchange of gunfire occurred between the suspect and law enforcement officers. The incident concluded when an Arapahoe County Deputy Sheriff fatally shot the suspect. The involved deputy has been placed on routine paid administrative leave.

No law enforcement officers or members of the public were injured during this incident.

Suspect information is not being released at this time.

Assistance during this incident was also provided by the Adams County Sheriff's Office and the Aurora Police Department. Following standard Sheriff's Office procedures, the 18th Judicial District Critical Response Team is investigating the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

(Cont.)



An Internationally Accredited Agency

Committed to Quality Service with an Emphasis on Integrity, Professionalism and Community Spirit.

UPDATE

The suspect has been identified by the Arapahoe County Coroner's Office as:



Ramirez, Damien James
27 Years Old
Albuquerque, NM

The continuing investigation has revealed that Ramirez was a registered sex offender in New Mexico. Additionally, at the time of the incident, he had two active warrants for his arrest:

- Parole Violation / Sexual Assault – State of New Mexico – No bond
- Probation Violation / Rape – Bernalillo County, NM – No bond

Both warrants indicated law enforcement officers should use caution due to a concern of violence. New Mexico officials believed Ramirez was armed and dangerous and learned he made recent comments about not going back to jail and planned on killing as many people as possible when contacted by law enforcement.

No further information will be released prior to the completion of the investigation.

The media contact for this incident is Captain Jared Rowilson at 303-435-4283.

END



An Internationally Accredited Agency

Committed to Quality Service with an Emphasis on Integrity, Professionalism and Community Spirit.