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MEDIA RELEASE

Inmate in off-site program found deceased

An inmate participating in the Arapahoe Diverts Mentally Ill to Treatment (ADMIT) program was found dead at about 10:45 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2015. This is the first death of an Arapahoe County inmate participating in this program.

The man's body was found in his room at the ADMIT facility after he failed to show for dinner with a relative. The 29-year-old man was serving a sentence for identity theft and had been referred to the ADMIT program. He had been participating in the program for about three and a half months with no problems. The cause and manner of death is under investigation and will be determined by the Adams County Coroner's Office, but does not appear suspicious in nature.

ADMIT is a voluntary participation program conducted in cooperation with the Aurora Mental Health Center, providing such services as integrated dual diagnosis and treatment; medication management and access; trauma services; vocational and recreation services; and transitional housing services. The program serves men and women age 18 and older who have been sentenced to the Arapahoe County Detention Facility and who meet the following criteria:

- Serious mental illness or dual diagnosis with a serious mental illness and a substance abuse disorder;
- Non-violent current conviction;
- Sufficient length of sentencing to allow for appropriate intervention; and
- Meet established standards for amenability to treatment.

The program allows those with mental health challenges to serve their sentence by participating in treatment and counseling, rather than being incarcerated.

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