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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 shortly before 9 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015. More than 260 inmates have completed or graduated from the program since its inception in 2008. This is the second program death in six weeks.

The man's body was found in his condo after his wife, who had been staying at a separate location, contacted deputies because she had not heard from him. A welfare check by Greenwood Village Police Department found the inmate deceased. A second man found at the condo was transported to a local hospital. The 33-year-old man was serving a sentence for violation of a protection order. He began the ADMIT program on June 9, 2015. He was doing well and was expected to graduate from the program in November. The cause and manner of death is under investigation and will be determined by the Arapahoe County Coroner's Office, and the death is under investigation by Greenwood Village Police Department.

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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