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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Inmate Assault Results in Homicide**

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is investigating an inmate-on-inmate assault at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility that has resulted in the death of one of the inmates. The assault occurred in one of the detention facility's housing units at 2:50 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, 2015.

The assault began in a cell on the upper tier of a housing unit and quickly spilled out onto the upper walkway. The assault lasted approximately 45 seconds and was over before deputies were able to intervene. Deputies and medical staff provided emergency medical assistance. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 5:07 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3. No weapons were involved in the assault. There were approximately 38 other inmates present in the housing unit at the time of the assault. The two men had been housed in the same housing unit since December 2014 and have had no known previous issues.

The victim has been identified as 43-year-old Michael Roy Craven, Jr. He had been at the detention facility since August of 2014. He was being held on a multitude of charges including 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault with a deadly weapon, 1<sup>st</sup> degree criminal trespass, stalking, extortion and criminal mischief. He also had a habitual criminal sentencing enhancement.

The suspect is identified as 43-year-old Eric Stewart. He has been at the detention facility since December of 2014 and was awaiting trial on several charges including criminal attempt 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder, menacing, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree assault and possession of a weapon by a previous offender.

Inmates at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility are assigned to housing units based on an objective classification system that includes many variables, such as current charge, previous criminal history, and disciplinary concerns.

Stewart remains in custody and is now being held on the additional charge of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder.



Eric Stewart

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