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MEDIA RELEASE

Suspect in East Orchard Road Shooting Identified

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is continuing their investigation into a shooting that occurred just after 8:15 a.m. near the 18500 block of East Orchard Road. The suspect in the case has been identified as 34-year-old Jesse Wright of Denver. Wright was arrested on suspicion of Criminal Attempt Murder in the First Degree, Felony Menacing, and possession of a weapon by a previous offender, and was booked into the Arapahoe County Detention Center on a no bond hold.

At about 8:18 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15, deputies received a report of a reckless driver, and moments later, received a report that shots were fired from a vehicle driving west bound on East Orchard Road, west of Buckley Road. Information indicated that a man was shooting at other vehicles out of a red Toyota truck.

While responding, deputies received information that Wright's red truck was driving northbound in the southbound lanes of South Parker Road and was involved in a traffic crash just south of Temple Drive. When deputies arrived at that scene, they observed a man walking in traffic striking vehicle windows with a metal bar. A citizen who witnessed the crash, gave chase after the fleeing suspect until deputies were able to catch up. After a short foot pursuit by deputies, Wright was taken into custody without incident on East Temple Drive. A Park Ranger from Cherry Creek State Park assisted deputies with the arrest. Wright was transported to a local hospital for medical clearance prior to being booked. The crash also involved a red Chevrolet sedan. That vehicle was occupied by a 23-year-old driver and a 43-year-old passenger. Both men were taken to a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries sustained in the crash.

Further investigation revealed that a gray Hyundai SUV in the 16000block of East Orchard Road had been struck in the windshield and front of the vehicle by three bullets. A 57-year-old passenger in the vehicle suffered minor facial injuries, but it is not known if these injuries resulted from a bullet or flying glass. This vehicle was also involved in a traffic crash due to being rear-ended when it stopped after being struck by bullets.

Additionally, deputies identified a 35-year-old woman whose white GMC had been side-swiped by Wright's truck as the incident began on East Orchard Road.



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Due to the time of day and the amount of traffic, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office believes there may be additional victims and witnesses to these crimes. If you witnessed any part of this incident, please contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office at 303-795-4711.

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