



NEWS RELEASE

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Arrest made in homicide investigation

Adams County, Colo. (January 25, 2020):

The Adams County Sheriff's Office arrest a Brighton man in the homicide of an adult female found deceased in late December.

On December 26th, 2019 at approximately 6:50 p.m., deputies responded to an apartment at 8770 Galen Court for a report of a deceased adult female. Upon arrival, deputies discovered a deceased adult female victim of an apparent gunshot wound. The ACSO Laboratory and Crime Scene Team processed the scene and recovered multiple items of forensic evidence from the apartment. Detectives conducted an extensive investigation, obtained multiple search warrants, and developed a person of interest.

On January 23rd, 2020 members of the ACSO Special Crimes Attack Team (SCAT) located Mario Raymond Sanchez, 31, of Brighton, at 6731 Birch Street in Commerce City. Sanchez was taken into custody and detectives subsequently executed a search warrant at the location. A search of the residence revealed a 9mm handgun and several other items of evidence. Detectives continued to conduct several interviews throughout that day and the following days. The combination of interviews, forensic and digital evidence led to the following charges:

Mario Raymond Sanchez, 31, of 147 South 12th Street, Brighton, a member of the BLOODS criminal street gang:

- Murder 1st degree, a class 1 felony
- Possession of a Weapon by Previous Offender, a class 6 felony

The defendant faces additional charges and is held in the Adams County Detention Facility pending further court proceedings. Detectives were assisted in the investigation by the ATF Regional Anti-Violence Enforcement Network (RAVEN), the FBI – Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Fugitive Task Force and the Brighton Police Department.

The investigation continues and further persons may be charged in the case.

The suspect is held in the Adams County Detention Facility pending further court proceedings.

The Adams County Sheriff's Office or North Metro Drug Task Force has determined that there is probable cause to make an arrest. The defendant(s) are presumed innocent until convicted in court. The 17th Judicial District (District Attorney) may decline to prosecute or refuse to file charges in this proceeding. Consequently, charges are often reduced, dropped or dismissed.

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