



NEWS RELEASE

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Arrest made in shooting investigation

Adams County, Colo. (February 3, 2020):

The Adams County Sheriff's Office is investigating a shooting in the Welby neighborhood.

On February 2nd, 2020 at approximately 11:43 p.m., deputies responded to a tattoo business located at 7000 Washington Street for a report of a disturbance with shots fired. Upon arrival, deputies encountered a male suspect armed with a gun barricaded in a vehicle in the parking lot. Deputies removed the suspect from the vehicle and took him into custody.

A preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect had been inside the business as a patron but became intoxicated and disruptive. The suspect then exited the business but removed the business owner's dog and attempted to steal the business owner's vehicle. The business owner attempted to intervene, and the suspect fired multiple rounds at him and the business, using a 9mm handgun. No persons were struck by gunfire and the dog was uninjured.

Detectives and the ACSO Laboratory and Crime Scene Team responded to the location and processed the scene. The suspect was arrested and charged with the following:

Rene Simental, 23, of Denver

- Attempted Murder 1st degree, a class 2 felony
- Criminal Trespass 1st degree, a class 5 felony
- Menacing, a class 5 felony
- Illegal Discharge of a Firearm, misdemeanor
- Prohibited Use of a Weapon, misdemeanor

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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