



NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –
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Arrest made in shooting investigation

Adams County, Colo. (September 23, 2020):

The Adams County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of Sherrelwood man subsequent to a shooting investigation.

On September 22nd, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m., deputies responded to the area of Del Norte Street and Sherman Street for a report of shots fired. A preliminary investigation at the scene revealed that an argument had ensued between two adult male neighbors which escalated to a physical altercation. One of the men produced a large frame semi-automatic handgun and fired multiple shots at the victim as the victim fled into his apartment. The suspect then fired several more shots into the victim's apartment door. During the incident no one was struck by gunfire.

Deputies identified and located the shooter, Samuel Martinez, 24, and took him into custody at the scene. The ACSO Laboratory and Crime Scene Team responded to the location to process the scene. Detectives interviewed witnesses and other neighbors. Detectives executed a search warrant upon the suspect's residence and recovered the firearm, a .40 caliber handgun, and other evidence. Consequently, detectives arrested the listed defendant and requested the following charges:

Samuel Martinez, 24, of Sherrelwood

- Attempted Murder 1st degree, a class 2 felony
- Menacing, a class 5 felony
- Illegal Discharge of a Firearm

The defendant is being held in the Adams County Detention Facility pending further court proceedings. The investigation is ongoing and additional persons may be charged.

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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