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Accidental Gunshot Death Investigated

On Friday April 18, 2003 at about 8:30 P.M., the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from 14810 East Maplewood Drive, reporting a shooting. Sheriff's Deputies were directed to a second floor bedroom of the home and observed a juvenile male, who had sustained a single gunshot to the head. While attempting to revive the victim, paramedics of the Parker Fire Department determined that the juvenile male was deceased. The male juvenile is identified as:

Sahl Ahmed

Age 11

5265 South Shawnee Street

Aurora, Colorado 80015

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office determined that the eleven-year old male was visiting with friends at the East Maplewood Drive address. Sahl Ahmed and a fifteen-year male, who resides at the East Maplewood Drive home, went to a second story bedroom and located a semi-automatic handgun. While holding the weapon, which was believed to be unloaded, the fifteen year old fired the handgun causing the fatal wound to the eleven year old. An eighteen-year old male and a nineteen-year old male, who were also visiting the East Maplewood Address, witnessed the shooting. Identification of the fifteen year old will not be released. The parents of the fifteen-year old male were present, on the first floor of the home, when the accidental shooting occurred.

Although the death of the eleven-year old male appears to be the result of an accidental gunshot, the matter remains under investigation by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and the Arapahoe County Coroner's Office. Details will be provided as more information becomes available.

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