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### Cherry Creek State Park Shooting Investigation Update

On November 15, 2010, at about 2:50 p.m., Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the shooting center within Cherry Creek State Park on the report of a multiple shooting. Further investigation into this matter revealed that 29 year old twin sisters were involved in a shooting incident. One victim was pronounced dead at the scene, the second victim was transported to an area hospital for treatment. The women had been staying in the Denver area for approximately five weeks prior to the shootings.

Members of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Investigation Service Area have now met with the surviving sister, who has confirmed that they had planned to commit suicide together, and did in fact shoot themselves. Based on the physical evidence collected, the surviving sister's statements, and video surveillance footage from the shooting center (which will not be released) the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office believes that this incident was indeed a suicide and attempted suicide.

Over 34,000 people in the United States succeed in taking their own life every year. There are many agencies that work tirelessly at preventing suicide and understanding the devastation it causes. If you, or someone you know, is contemplating suicide, or if you have had a loved one or friend commit suicide there is help. Two Suicide Hotline numbers you can call are 1-800 273-TALK (8255) and 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2423); or in an immediate emergency situation contact 9-1-1. The following organizations are very helpful in providing suicide prevention and survivors information: American Association of Suicidology, [www.suicidology.org](http://www.suicidology.org); American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org); Survivors of Suicide, [www.survivorsofsuicide.com](http://www.survivorsofsuicide.com); Livingworks, [www.livingworks.net](http://www.livingworks.net); and the Suicide Prevention Advocacy Network, [www.spanusa.org](http://www.spanusa.org).

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