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DEATH INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

On August 1, 2005 at approximately 1:24 P.M. the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office received a request from a family member for a welfare check at:

**6441 South Eudora Way
Centennial, Colorado**

The family member was unable to make contact with her parents since Friday July 29, 2005 and became concerned for their well-being.

Upon arrival deputies entered the residence and discovered two deceased females inside the residence. The deceased females are identified as:

**Denise Dawn Effland, DOB 07/14/48 – Age 57
Brenna Odell Effland, DOB 02/18/81 – Age 24
6441 South Eudora Way
Centennial, Colorado**

Deputies then observed a male moving through the residence. The male was later identified as:

**Phillip Effland, DOB 07/26/48 – Age 57
6441 South Eudora Way
Centennial, Colorado
(Photograph Not To Be Released)**

Effland moved into a bedroom, where it was believed that he barricaded himself. During this time, additional deputies evacuated several homes in the neighborhood for the safety of area residents.

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After nearly twenty minutes of discussions, deputies were able to talk Mr. Effland into surrendering without further incident. Although Mr. Effland had no signs of external physical injury, he was unresponsive to questions. Mr. Effland was transported to a local hospital for a medical evaluation.

A search warrant for the residence was obtained and executed. The investigation, being conducted by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and the Arapahoe County Coroner's Office is continuing. Although suicide notes were located at the South Eudora Way residence, the matter will continue to be investigated as a homicide, to ensure the assignment of adequate resources for a complete investigation. On August 2, 2005 the Arapahoe County Coroner's Office conducted autopsies on each of the deceased; results of the Coroner's Office findings are pending further evaluation.

Additional details to be provided as information becomes available.

For further information, contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720-874-4165.

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