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Criminal Attempt First Degree Murder Arrest

At about 0600 AM this morning the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office received a call for a welfare check in the 7300 block of South Fillmore Circle in the City of Centennial. Upon arrival of the deputies, they contacted a female identified as:

Personett, Sheryl
Age 48

who appeared to be very distraught and emotional. She told the deputies she had been receiving death threats from an ex-boyfriend. The ex-boyfriend has been identified as:

William Hunt
DOB 05/18/56: Age 49
(Suspect photo not to be released)

While at the residence the deputies received information that Hunt was still in the area. A U-Haul pickup truck was located in the 3000 block of East Hinsdale Avenue. A search was made of the area and Hunt was found hiding in some bushes in the area. Hunt was covered from head-to-toe in fuel oil. There were about 50 gallons of fuel in various containers in the back of the truck. It appears the fuel may be a mix of gasoline and kerosene.

Hunt was taken into custody by deputies from the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, and decontaminated by the Littleton Fire Department. A Unified Incident Command was initiated by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, and the Littleton Fire Department. Initially, eighteen to twenty homes were evacuated in the area of the pickup truck, while bomb squad and hazardous materials team members secured the truck and contents. At 2:48 PM the hazardous materials collection process was successfully completed and homeowners were granted access to the eight remaining evacuated homes.

Hunt is in custody for the following charges:

- Criminal Attempt First Degree Murder, a class 2 felony punishable by eight to twenty-four years in prison, and/or a fine of five thousand to one million dollars.
- Criminal Attempt First Degree Arson, a Class 4 felony punishable by two to six years in prison, and/or a fine of two thousand to five hundred thousand dollars.

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