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Police Press Release

January 26, 2026 – EDGEWATER, CO

CASE NUMBER: EW26-000090 Office Involved Shooting-Update

This press release will provide updated information regarding an officer involved shooting that took place on January 24, 2026, and involved an Edgewater Police Department officer. The original press release is copied below to provide context.

The suspect who exchanged gunshots with the Edgewater Police Department officer was transported to a local hospital. That suspect, who received at least one gunshot wound, has died. He has been identified as Barry Michael Sullivan (DOB: March 1, 1977).

The driver of the vehicle, in which Mr. Sullivan was initially a passenger, was transported to a local hospital. She was treated and released. She has been identified as Amber Michelle O'Neal (DOB: September 21, 1989). At the time of the incident, she had outstanding warrants for her arrest that were not related to the January 24, 2026, incident. She was lodged at the Jefferson County Jail on those warrants, which were for the following charges:

- *Assault in the Third Degree
- *Vehicular Eluding
- *Resisting Arrest

The Wheat Ridge Police Department is investigating the events that led up to the officer involved shooting. The Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) for the First Judicial District is conducting an investigation regarding the officer involved shooting.

This press release reflects the facts of this incident as we currently understand them. These investigations are ongoing. Updates will be provided, when possible, without compromising the investigations.

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January 24, 2026 Press Release

On January 24, 2026 shortly after 10:30 AM, an Edgewater Police Officer on regular patrol observed a GMC Yukon in the area of West. 24th Avenue and Pierce St. in Edgewater. Before the officer could contact the Yukon it drove away northbound on Pierce St. The officer began to follow the Yukon but did not initiate a traffic stop. The Yukon accelerated away from the officer northbound on Pierce St. No pursuit was initiated.

At about 10:38 AM near W. 32nd Ave. and Pierce St., in the City of Wheat Ridge, the Yukon struck a Honda Pilot occupied by one individual. The Yukon then continued northbound, ultimately crashing into a garage of a residence near W. 32nd Ave and Pierce St. The Edgewater police officer arrived at that location and began checking on the safety and well-being of individuals. In the garage the officer discovered the Yukon, which was driven by an adult female and had an adult male passenger. The male passenger got out of the Yukon and then retrieved a firearm from that vehicle. The Edgewater police officer confronted the male suspect and there ultimately was an exchange of gunfire by both the officer and the suspect.

The male passenger/suspect was struck with at least one gunshot and was transported to an area hospital, where he is in critical condition. The Edgewater police officer was not struck. The female driver of the Yukon was transported to an area hospital, where she is being treated for injuries related to the traffic crash. The female driver has outstanding warrants for her arrest that are not related to this incident.

The adult male driver of the Honda Pilot was transported to an area hospital for treatment of injuries received in the traffic crash. He is not expected to be admitted to the hospital.

The Wheat Ridge Police Department is the lead agency for criminal investigation regarding actions by the driver and passenger of the Yukon.

The Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) for the First Judicial District is investigating the officer involved shooting portion of the incident. The involved officer has been placed on administrative leave, in accordance with department policy.

This media release reflects the facts of this incident as we currently understand them. This is an ongoing investigation. Updates will be provided, when possible, without compromising the investigations.

The Edgewater Police Department would like to thank the numerous surrounding agencies who responded to this incident to assist.

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