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Adult male shot, killed north of Strasburg

Three others wounded but alive following overnight, early Sunday morning incident



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Above, as of 4 p.m. Jan. 11, Adams County Sheriff's units remain on scene of a deadly shooting about 12 miles north of Strasburg about 2 a.m. that morning. Below, multiple areas of the property are marked off by crime tape.



by **Steven Vetter**
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STRASBURG — A quiet overnight for Strasburg residents and neighbors further north was abruptly interrupted by law enforcement vehicle sirens during a response to reports of an early morning shooting Jan. 11, which resulted in one dead and three others injured.

Just before 2 a.m. Sunday the Adams County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a shooting at a residence north of 96th Ave and Strasburg Road. Upon arrival in the 9700 block of South Defoe Street, deputies located one adult male with gunshot wounds. He was later pronounced deceased.

Three additional individuals with gunshot wounds were located and treated at local hospitals. The ages, gender and health status of the wounded trio was not updated by press time Sunday evening.

An Adams County Sheriff's spokesman said the deceased's identity won't be released until the Adams County Coroner's Office notifies next of kin. At press time, the sheriff's office was

also being tight-lipped surrounding the circumstances that led up to the shootings.

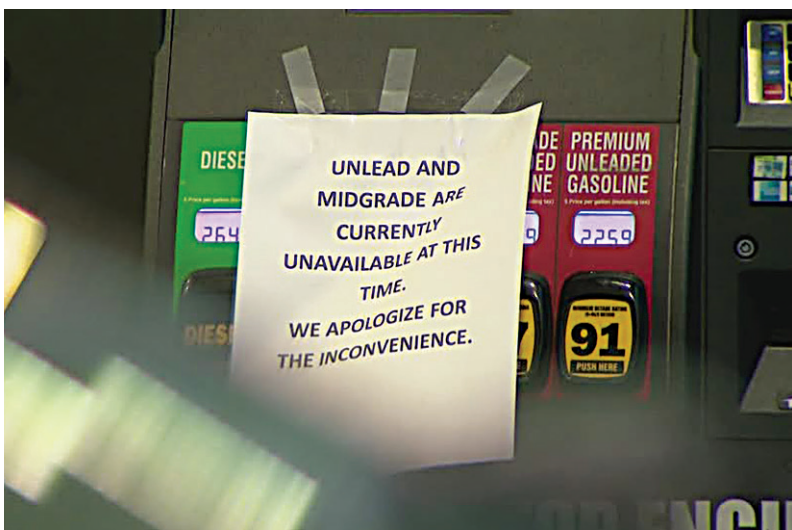
"Detectives are actively investigating the incident and interviewing witnesses," said Sgt. Shea Haney, the public information officer for the Adams County Sheriff's Office. "Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Adams County Sheriff's Office at (720)322-1313."

No suspects were reportedly in custody following the incident.

At approximately 4 p.m. Sunday, sheriff's vehicles and several areas cordoned off by crime tape were still visible at the scene.

A number of online social media posts claimed that up to 50 law enforcement or emergency vehicles blared their sirens en route. Eyewitness accounts from neighbors in the area said counting the number of units responding became too tedious of a task because there were so many.

"But the glare from the lights could be seen a couple miles away," one resident in the area said. "Really unnerving being awakened from a sound slumber."



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Jan. 8 signage informs gas customers at approximately 20 metro fueling stations, including the Bennett King Soopers, about diesel-contaminated gas that was inadvertently put into unleaded distribution tanks between 2 a.m. Jan. 6 and 6 a.m. the following morning.

Bennett grocery store among recipients of contaminated gas

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Last week's reports of approximately 20, or more, metro gas stations selling fuel contaminated with diesel included the most eastern location of Colorado King Soopers stores in Bennett.

While a specific list of impacted Costco and Murphy Express stores were not published by press time, King Soopers released a twice-edited list of 13 stores that received the contaminated gas from a Sinclair terminal in Hudson mostly between 2 p.m. Jan. 7 and 6 a.m. Jan. 8. Among the King Soopers stores impacted was the Bennett fuel station.

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Kelver Library in Byers hosted a Whimsical Penguins paint party Jan. 6 to kick off the new year of special youth craft programs. Deborah Burcham from Aurora-based Doodles & Hues provided the wintery canvas along with easy, step-by-step instructions on how to paint the voids in the aquatic, flightless birds. Above Gracelynn Hicks picks up more paint for her masterpiece. **SEE PAGE 6.**