



For more information:

Maureen Harper, Public Information Officer

Office: 303-235-2877 **Mobile:** 720-643-6686

mharper@ci.wheatridge.co.us

Twitter: @WheatRidgePD

WRPD identifies person of interest in hotel stabbing and seeks help in locating Westminster man for a welfare check

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 4, 2016, 7:00 PM

UPDATE - Case: 16-1300

Wheat Ridge, CO – Wheat Ridge Police are looking to contact Andrew Howton (9-27-72) who is believed to be the individual seen in security footage exiting the Howard Johnson Hotel this morning at 6:59 AM. WRPD would like to talk with Howton regarding what he may know about the stabbing that occurred at the hotel this morning. Howton was seen checking in to the Howard Johnson on February 3, 2016.

Also as a result of the investigation, WRPD are also concerned about the well-being of Christopher Sloan (09/08/1976) of Westminster, CO. Sloan is asked to contact WRPD or Westminster Police as soon as possible.

If you have information regarding Howton's location or Sloan's location, please call the Wheat Ridge Tip Line at 303-235-2947 or dial 911. As always, when a violent crime has occurred, please use caution around anyone who may be connected to the incident and notify law enforcement if you believe you have seen a person of interest.

BOLO: In a possibly related incident, WRPD received a call at 7:18 AM reporting a stolen vehicle in the area of W. 44th Avenue and Tabor Street: a black 2007 Nissan Frontier, Colorado license plate 814 PVD. The vehicle has multiple stickers on the windows and scrap metal in the bed of the pickup truck. If you see this vehicle, please call 911.

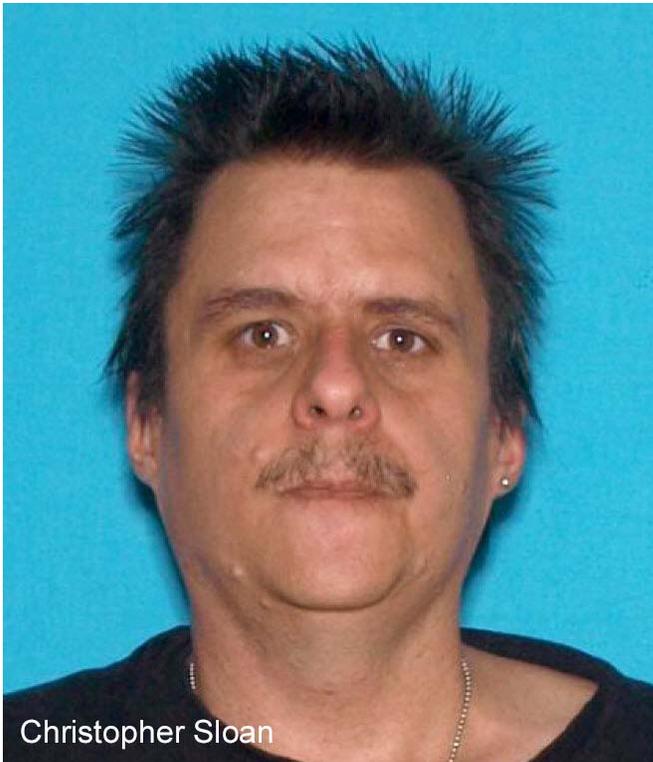
***Photos on page 2

--- continued ---

2016.02.03 WED PM 02:16:18 SDR-5100 CAM 03



WRPD is interested in talking with Andrew Howton, seen here checking in to the Howard Johnson Hotel in connection with a stabbing that occurred at the hotel on February 4, 2016.



WRPD is attempting to locate Christopher Sloan for a welfare check.