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Wheat Ridge Police Make Arrests in Shooting That Occurred in Panorama Park April 13, 2020

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. Sept. 9, 2020 – Early this morning detectives from the Wheat Ridge Police Department, along with SWAT teams from Westminster, Thornton, Adams County, and West Metro, arrested four people in connection with the shooting death of 17 year old Nimijah Pimentel on April 13, 2020, at Panorama Park in Wheat Ridge: Estaban Lucero (DOB 07/28/01), Sincere Trujillo (DOB 02/27/02) one 16 year old male and one 17 year old female. A fifth suspect in the case, a male aged 16, was arrested on April 17, 2020. The three male suspects are charged with Murder in the First Degree, Criminal Attempt to Commit Murder in the First Degree, and three counts of Aggravated Robbery. The female suspect is being charged with Murder in the First Degree, and Aggravated Robbery.

Wheat Ridge police were initially led to believe that the confrontation that ended in Pimentel's death on April 13 was the result of a meeting to sell a pair of designer pants. After a lengthy investigation, detectives determined that the meeting was instead arranged for the purposes of an unlawful transaction.

The Wheat Ridge Police Department is grateful for the assistance of West Metro SWAT, Westminster SWAT, Adams County SWAT, Thornton/Northglenn SWAT, the Mountain West Cyber Fraud Task Force, the Greenwood Village Police Department, the Regional Anti-Violence Enforcement Network (RAVEN), and the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office for the successful execution of arrest warrants for "Operation Pants on Fire."

About Wheat Ridge Police Department

The Wheat Ridge Police Department focuses on community policing where officers can gain skills, expand their knowledge, and become part of a team of officers and staff who know and trust each other. A department of 90 sworn and 24.5 non-sworn, WRPD serves a thriving community bordered on the east by Denver, on the west by Golden, on the north by Arvada, and on the south by Lakewood. The City of 9.5 square miles has a population of 31,000.

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