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Baca County Authorities Investigating Attempted Murder, Suicide

(SPRINGFIELD, COLORADO) The Baca County Sheriff's Office and Springfield Police Department are investigating an attempted murder and suicide that occurred at a Springfield home over the weekend.

Authorities responded to the home of Andrea Hetzel and Damian Greenlee on Saturday April 18 at 7:55 a.m. and found Hetzel with injuries consistent with an attempted strangulation. Greenlee attempted suicide near the home by a self inflicted gunshot wound and was transported to Southeast Colorado Hospital where he was later pronounced dead. Greenlee is believed to be responsible for Hetzel's injuries. Hetzel is listed in stable condition.

"We are working to determine what lead to these events," said Baca County Sheriff Steve Salzbrenner. "At this point, we do not have reason to believe anyone else was involved."

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation has been asked to assist local authorities with the investigation since neither local agency has extensive experience with this type of crime.

Baca County is located in the southeast corner of Colorado near the Kansas and Oklahoma borders, and has a population of 3871 according to 2007 United States Census Bureau estimates.

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