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**Baca County Authorities Continue Investigation Attempted Murder, Suicide**

(SPRINGFIELD, COLORADO) The Baca County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate an attempted murder that was followed by an apparent suicide. The incident occurred Saturday morning at a Springfield home.

A Springfield Police Department officer who was dispatched to the location encountered Damian Greenlee, a resident at the home. Greenlee was taken into custody and placed in the officer's vehicle.

The officer then entered the home where he found Andrea Hetzel, who appeared to be suffering from injuries consistent with strangulation, and called for medical assistance.

While Greenlee was in the officer's vehicle, he managed to gain access to a firearm, and shot himself once. The officer was still in the home attending to Hetzel at the time the shooting occurred.

Ambulances were called for both Hetzel and Greenlee. Both were initially treated at the scene by emergency medical technicians and then transported to Southeast Colorado Hospital in Springfield. Air ambulances were called for both patients, however Greenlee died before being flown to another hospital.

Baca County Sheriff Steve Salzbrenner stated that the firearm Greenlee used had been secured in the officer's vehicle in a manner commonly used by law enforcement officers. There is still an ongoing investigation by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

An investigation continues regarding Hetzel's injuries, but it is believed that Greenlee attempted to strangle her. A restraining order was in effect against Greenlee at the time of incident.

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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