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Significant Event Briefing Video of Officer-Involved Shooting in the 500 block of South Nevada Avenue

On Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 11:28 PM, the Colorado Springs Police Department received a call for service of a burglary in progress, potentially involving a firearm, in the 500 block of South Nevada Avenue. The caller stated that earlier in the evening, a man had been at the location and had assaulted an individual, leading to a brief fight. The man then left, threatening to return with a gun. The reporting party stated that the man in question had now returned and was banging on his door and was potentially armed with a firearm.

At approximately 11:41, a CSPD officer arrived on scene. The officer did not observe any active disturbance and was attempting to contact the reporting party from the 911 call. As the officer was walking toward the reporting party's room to contact him, the reporting party emerged from behind a locked hallway security door.

About two seconds later, three individuals, two males and a female, exited a separate room into the walkway between the reporting party and the officer. One of the males was carrying a rifle, and the other male was carrying an unknown weapon. The male with the rifle raised it at the officer. At that time, the officer fired four shots, striking two individuals, the male and female who were standing very close to the male who raised his rifle toward the officer. The officer then moved downstairs to find cover. About one minute later, the suspect who had raised the rifle toward the officer appeared on the second-floor walkway, stating that two people had been shot who needed help.

When the individual who had raised the rifle at the officer appeared on the second-floor walkway, reporting that two people had been shot, he was cooperative and was taken into custody without further incident. While that was happening, other officers who had arrived on scene began rendering medical aid to the male and the female who had been shot.

Both people who were shot were transported to a local hospital in stable condition with non-life-threatening injuries.

The rifle recovered on scene was a Crosman AK1 full-auto air cartridge BB gun.



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Two other edged weapons were recovered on the scene. They are consistent with the object that the male who was shot was seen carrying.

The Officer involved in this shooting is Austin Hornburger, assigned to the Downtown Area Response Team and has been employed with CSPD for 9 years.

The individual with the rifle was questioned and released pending additional investigation. At the time, he has not been charged with a crime and is not being identified.

Pursuant to Colorado law, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) responded and initiated an investigation into CSPD's use of force. Once completed, the EPSO Use of Force investigation will be sent to the Fourth Judicial District, District Attorney's Office, for a determination on whether the officers' use of force complied with Colorado law.

Note to Media: All updates will only come from the Public Affairs Section when available.

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