

## MEDIA ADVISORY



### ARVADA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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#### Officer Dillon Vakoff - Line of Duty Death

Early this morning, officers responded to a large family disturbance in the 6700 block of W. 51st Ave. They arrived to a chaotic scene with multiple people in the street. The initial two officers tried to separate several belligerent and uncooperative individuals when the suspect began to fire and shot a female victim. An exchange of gunfire then occurred between officers and the suspect. The suspect fired, striking an Arvada Police Officer, killing him. The second officer on scene attempted to rescue his friend and colleague and provide first aid. The Officer was transported to the hospital where he was declared deceased.

The suspect was also shot during the exchange of gunfire and was transported to a local hospital, where he remains in police custody; he is expected to survive. The female victim was transported to a local hospital and is also expected to survive.

Her involvement in the incident is unknown at this time.

There is a criminal investigation involving the murder of a police officer, and as long as this is an active investigation, we will not be releasing many details.



The Arvada Police Officer we lost this morning is Dillon Michael Vakoff, 27 years old; he has been with the Police Department since 2019. Dillion is an example of everything good you would want in a police officer. He was training toward being a SWAT Officer, and without a doubt would have continued to have a positive impact on his community.

Before coming to Arvada Police, Dillon was a Staff Sgt. in the United States Air Force where he served for six years. Dillion was an Arvada resident who graduated from Ralston Valley High School in 2012.

This is a tragic loss to this community, to this department, but most significantly to his family and loved ones. His service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

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