

MEDIA ADVISORY

Loveland Police Department

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Loveland Police Investigate Shooting

On October 17, 2023, at 4:47 am, the Loveland Police Department dispatch center received a 911 call reporting a shooting had just occurred at an apartment complex in the 1400 block of South California Avenue, Loveland, Colorado.

Loveland Police Officers responded to the scene and contacted a female witness who had fled the residence after the shooting. The witness reported that a second resident, a 36-year-old male had been shot in the chest and was lying on the floor inside the residence. A third resident, a 62-year-old man identified as Kenneth Piper, was still inside with a firearm.

Officers set up a perimeter and attempted to have Piper come to the door unarmed. Piper failed to initially comply with commands, but eventually cooperated and was taken into custody without incident. Once the scene was secure, Thomspon Valley Emergency Medical Service personnel entered the apartment to give medical aid to the 36-year-old victim. Unfortunately, the victim was pronounced deceased on scene.

Loveland Police Department detectives and crime scene personnel were notified and responded to the scene. The Larimer County Coroner's Office will be releasing the identity of the victim at a later date.

Kenneth Piper was transported to the Larimer County Jail and booked on the following offenses: C.R.S. 18-3-102(1)(a) Murder in the First Degree- Deliberation with Intent- Family- Gun, a class 1 Felony

Loveland Police Detectives are asking for anyone who may have information related to this case to please call the Loveland Police Department tip line at (970) 962-2032 or Larimer County Crime Stoppers at (970) 221-6868.

The charges are merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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