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NEWS RELEASE

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POSSIBLE HOMICIDE

Carbondale, CO – On February 16, 2015 at 7:15a.m., the Carbondale Police Department assisted the Colorado State Patrol at a motor vehicle accident on Highway 133, between Roaring Fork High School and the Crystal River Baptist Church. A Toyota 4Runner was involved in a collision with a semi-truck.

The driver of the 4Runner was transported to Valley View Hospital, then later transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction with severe injuries. While being flown to St. Mary's Hospital, the driver of the 4Runner allegedly told the flight crew that he had killed his wife in an apartment building in Carbondale.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., Carbondale Police Department officers responded to the reported location of the homicide and found the residents were not injured. Carbondale Police Officers continued searching apartments in the area. Around 3:45 p.m. officers were in contact with a woman who was arriving home to her residence on Cooper Place. The resident would not allow police officers to search her home, but agreed to check the apartment. This resident then reported a deceased individual in the apartment with suspected knife wounds. The victim was obviously deceased.

The driver of the 4Runner was placed in protective custody at St. Mary's Hospital, where he is still being treated for his injuries.

The name of the victim and suspect are not being released at this time.

Agencies assisting with this investigation include Garfield County Sheriffs Department, Colorado State Patrol, Grand Junction Police Department, 9th Judicial

District Attorney's Office, Garfield County Coroner's Office, Carbondale and Rural Fire Protection District, and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

The last time a homicide occurred in Carbondale was April 2003.

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