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PRESS RELEASE

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Parachute Homicide Victim Identified

On Saturday June 20, 2015, at approximately 11:15am, the Garfield County Coroner's Office responded to a death investigation at Grand River Hospital. The decedent was identified as Sarah Ogden, a four week old female infant. Sarah was born in Grand Junction, Colorado and was a resident of Parachute, CO.

On Sunday June 21, 2015, Dr. Robert Kurtzman - FCAP Forensic Pathologist, completed an autopsy. Dr. Kurtzman indicated that the cause of death was due to multiple blunt force injuries. The Coroner's Office immediately notified the Ninth Judicial District Attorney's Office and the Parachute Police Department of the autopsy findings.

Through further investigation, with the assistance of the Parachute Police Department, Ninth Judicial District Attorney's Office, and Colorado Bureau of Investigations, the Coroner's Office was able to determine the manner of death as homicide.

15-19-109, Colorado Revised Statutes, states that a person who has been charged with a felony offense involving the death of a deceased person shall not direct the final disposition of the deceased.

Therefore, the coroner's office is relying on Sarah's maternal and paternal grandparents as her next of kin. The Coroner's Office has been in communication with her grandparents.

No additional information will be released by the coroner's office at this time.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Glassmire

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