



Garfield County Coroner's Office

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Coroner

PRESS RELEASE

Date: May 10, 2021

Subject: Coroner's Office update to May 5th, 2021 unattended death investigation in Rifle. Associated press release, [Garfield County Sheriff's Office May 6, 2021](#).

Identity of Deceased: Sunny Morrisette, 38 years old, resident of Rifle, CO.

On May 5, 2021 at 2:08pm, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was notified of a death on private property north of Rifle, CO. Coroner's Office investigators responded and investigated the death with investigators from the Garfield County Sheriff's Office.

On May 6, 2021 an autopsy was performed on Ms. Morrisette by the Garfield County Coroner's Office contract forensic pathologist. The autopsy revealed there were no injuries that contributed to her death. The forensic pathologist will be completing microscopic examination of tissue specimens and waiting for toxicology results before forming an opinion on Ms. Morrisette's cause of death. The manner of death remains under investigation.

The Garfield County Coroner's Office typically sees the forensic pathologist's report in 6-8 weeks. There will be no further information released from the Coroner's Office until the final pathologist's report is complete.

The Coroner's Office extends their condolences to the friends and family of Ms. Morrisette.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Glassmire
Garfield County Coroner