



# Garfield County Coroner's Office

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## PRESS RELEASE

**Date:** January 13, 2020

**Subject:** January 11, 2020 Fatal Officer Involved Shooting, Interstate 70 near mile mark 107 New Castle, CO.

**Identity of Deceased:**

Eric Reynolds, 43 years old, resident of New Castle, CO.

On January 11, 2020 at 2:41pm, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to respond to an officer involved shooting on Interstate 70 near mile marker 107. Upon arrival, coroner's office investigators pronounced a 43-year-old male dead. The coroner's identified the deceased as Eric Reynolds of New Castle, CO.

On January 13, 2020 the coroner's office contract forensic pathologist performed an autopsy on Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds' cause of death is a gunshot wound. The coroner's office is investigating the manner of death as a homicide. The autopsy did reveal there were multiple gunshot wounds. However, only one gunshot wound was fatal.

As most coroner and medical examiner offices in the U.S., the Garfield County Coroner's Office follows the National Association of Medical Examiners Guide for Manner of Death Classification which provide five basic categories of "manner" of death. None of these categories, including "homicide", necessarily means a crime was or was not committed. A determination regarding whether the death of a person was the result of a crime is determined by the criminal justice system.

No further information will be released by the Garfield County Coroner's Office.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Glassmire  
Garfield County Coroner