



## Weld County Sheriff's Office

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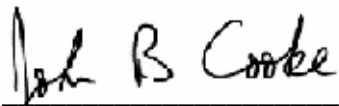
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WC05-6497

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

On Tuesday night at about 8:40 p.m. Weld County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to Northern Colorado Medical Center in Greeley. According to the emergency room medical staff, a 17 year old male just arrived at the hospital suffering from 2 stab wounds and was also under the influence of a very high level of alcohol. The victim's stab wounds consisted of an approximately 6" stab wound to his left arm and about a 1" stab wound to his chest. The chest wound missed the heart by about 1/2" and, at the time, was considered life threatening. The Deputies learned that the juvenile male was at his residence in the 400 block of Wall Street in East Eaton where he was drinking beer with his Aunt's boyfriend identified as 42 year old Hiliberto Garza also known as Gilbert "Chino" Hernandez of Greeley. According to a witness, the two males were drinking most of the evening, becoming intoxicated and started to physically fight with each other. The witness, a 20 year old female, saw Hernandez punching the victim then saw what she thought was a knife in the suspects' hand. The witness attempted to break up the fight subsequently being injured herself. After the fight, the witness felt pain to her right arm

and discovered that she had been cut as well. The witness was also treated at the emergency room, later being released. The suspect left the area and the juvenile male was transported to the hospital by family members. Deputies then proceeded to search the Eaton and Greeley areas for the suspect. The suspect is 42 year old Hiliberto Garza also known as Gilbert "Chino" Hernandez. Hernandez uses a second date of birth which reflects his age as 40. Hernandez does have an active warrant for his arrest and is currently wanted for escaping a Colorado Parole facility. This case is still under investigation, but Hernandez will also possibly face an additional charge of aggravated assault. Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of Hernandez is urged to call the Weld County Sheriff's Office at 970-356-4015 x 2825.

  
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