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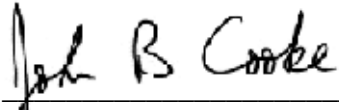
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Sunday, October 23, 2005

Weld County Sheriff's Office has confirmed the identity of the homicide victim. The man has been identified as 69 year old Samuel Sandoval of Wattenburg Colorado. Sandoval received multiple stab wounds and died sometime possibly Friday morning in his Wattenburg home located at 11532 Weld County Road 6. Further details of the case revealed that the suspect, Heather Severson, was an acquaintance of the victim. Severson was also one of the persons that came to the Greeley Police Department to report the fact that a homicide had occurred. According to Investigators, Severson admitted to stabbing Samuel Sandoval. As Severson turned herself into police, she also gave the Investigators what appears to be the murder weapon. The weapon that Severson gave the Investigators was a large folding knife with a blade that is approximately 4" to 5" long that she said belonged to the victim.

Severson and her family reported this to the Greeley Police Department originally because they thought that was the proper jurisdiction to report the incident too. Further details about why this occurred is still under investigation.



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