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**Weld Sheriff's Office releases timeline of events leading to Trevor George's arrest**  
*Homicide suspect arrested in unprecedented 10 hours long investigation*

Since the year 2000, 319,680 people have been murdered in the United States. That's an average of nearly 16,000 murder victims per year.

About 40 percent of the time, the victim knew their assailant either as an acquaintance, a friend, a co-worker or as a member of their own family, according to the FBI's annual crime data. In just under 10 percent of cases, the victim and the suspect were complete strangers. About half the time, the relationship between a suspect and their victim can't be determined.

Although a victim is four times more likely to be killed by someone they know, homicides involving strangers are some of the most daunting cases for any investigations unit. It's not uncommon for detectives to invest months into solving a stranger homicide. It's also not unusual for a stranger homicide investigation to run cold.

Late last month, the Weld County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a homicide at a farmhouse outside of Windsor. The suspect, Trevor Daniel George, 32, and the victim, Ryan Ray Rogina, 30, didn't know each other and it appeared the killing was random, occurring during the commission of an attempted carjacking.

Using state of the art investigations techniques and enlisting the cooperation of multiple agencies in Northern Colorado and Wyoming, the Weld County Sheriff's Office was able to arrest George on suspicion of first-degree murder in a manhunt that lasted just 10 hours. Below is a timeline of events leading to George's unprecedented arrest.

**Tuesday, Oct. 6**

Trevor George is arrested in Wyoming after he is stopped driving a vehicle reported stolen out of Fort Collins. He is suspected of being high on illegal narcotics at the time of his arrest. He is booked into the Laramie County Jail.

**Saturday, Oct. 24**

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George bonds out of Laramie County Jail. A short while later, he burglarizes an unoccupied house in Cheyenne stealing multiple pistols and long guns. He flees the scene in a stolen 2018 GMC pickup. The homeowner is out of town and doesn't report the burglary until Oct. 29.

**Friday, Oct. 29**

**9:30 p.m.:** Windsor police officers are dispatched by OnStar to the stolen 2018 GMC pickup, which the company had electronically disabled in the area of Colo. 257 and Crossroads Boulevard. George flees the scene through a neighborhood as officers arrive.

Windsor officers search the stolen vehicle and find a business card from Wyoming State Patrol with a case number. Officers contact Wyoming state troopers and learn the business card was issued to George following his arrest earlier in the month. Windsor officers also find multiple firearms, empty holsters, narcotics and narcotics equipment in the vehicle. Windsor officers request a Weld County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit to respond to the scene to help track George, who is not immediately located.

**12:35 a.m.:** Gunshots are heard at a rural home located near Crossroads Boulevard and Weld County Road 17. The noises are later confirmed on a neighbor's surveillance system.

**1:05 a.m.:** The Weld County Regional Dispatch Center receives a 911 call from a frantic victim reporting a man has been shot and a child strangled in her house at Crossroads Boulevard and Weld County Road 17. The caller tells dispatchers the suspect is still inside the house and is armed with a gun.

Weld County Sheriff's Office deputies and Windsor police officers respond to the house and find a deceased man lying in the driveway with two gunshot wounds. Officers learn from dispatchers there are four adults and one child hiding in a crawl space inside the house. Not knowing if the suspect is still on scene, deputies devise a quick rescue plan and force entry to save the victims. The suspect is not located.

The victims are taken to nearby hospitals for treatment while multiple agencies saturate the area with officers to locate the suspect. A Reverse 911 message is sent to residents about police activity in the area and a dangerous suspect on the loose.

**1:15 a.m.:** The Weld County Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit is contacted. Detectives respond to the sheriff's office, the crime scene and local hospitals to interview the victims. A photo lineup is created and one of the victims positively identifies George as the man at the house armed with a gun. George's description is aired in a BOLO to law enforcement agencies

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throughout the region.

**7 a.m.:** The Weld County Sheriff's Office Strike Team is deployed to help locate George. Deputies contact the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, the Fort Collins Police Department, the Colorado State Patrol, the Laramie County Sheriff's Office in Wyoming and the Wyoming State Patrol to gather information about George.

**9 a.m.:** The Strike Team obtains a warrant to track George electronically. Strike Team members also begin gathering information about George, including last known addresses.

**9:30 a.m.:** Weld County Dispatch is contacted about a Dodge Challenger Hellcat stolen from a house about one mile north of the homicide scene. Two sheriff's office detectives and a Windsor officer respond to scene to process evidence and collect information.

**9:45 a.m.:** Deputies update the BOLO with information that George is likely driving the stolen Challenger Hellcat. Deputies don't have hard evidence yet linking George to the stolen Hellcat but believe the vehicle theft matches George's M.O. from previous burglaries. The Colorado State Patrol, Fort Collins, Loveland and Windsor police departments, Larimer County Sheriff's Office and the Cheyenne Police Department in Wyoming are all advised that George is likely still in Northern Colorado.

Strike Team Sgt. Pete Jones coordinates communications with all agencies on a shared radio channel and assigns responding units to certain areas as law enforcement begins to hunt down George.

**11:25 a.m.:** Colorado State Patrol is contacted by a Colorado Department of Transportation employee who reports seeing a Dodge Challenger Hellcat matching the description and plate at a gas station at the corner of Mulberry Avenue and Greenfield Court in Fort Collins. The suspect matches George's description as well.

**11:35 a.m.:** Undercover units from the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Fort Collins Police Department and the Weld County Sheriff's Office converge on the gas station. George and the stolen vehicle are positively identified.

George purchases food at the gas station and fills up the Dodge Challenger Hellcat, an American muscle car boasting 717 horsepower and a top speed of 203 MPH. The Hellcat's top speed exceeds that of every vehicle available to local law enforcement and could possibly outrun fixed wing aircraft operated by the Colorado State Patrol. Out of an abundance of caution for public

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safety, Weld County Strike Team members ram George before he pulls out of the gas station to disable the Hellcat and avoid a high-speed chase that would have put more lives at risk.

George exits the vehicle and initially follows directions to lay on the ground. Moments later, George fights with deputies as they try to handcuff him. During the struggle, George reaches for his waistband. Knowing he could be armed, deputies are twice forced to use a Taser to take him into custody.

### **Post arrest investigation**

Multiple pieces of evidence positively tying George to the homicide are located inside the stolen Hellcat. Unfortunately, George chooses not to cooperate with the investigation by refusing to provide answers about why he killed one man and nearly strangled a child to death. Information is later developed that George planned to use his firearm if confronted by law enforcement but failed to do so during his arrest because he was overwhelmed by the substantial presence of Weld County deputies and officers from partner agencies.

In the first 24 hours of the investigation, the Weld County Sheriff's Office invested 500-man hours among patrol deputies, detectives, Strike Team members, field evidence technicians, drone pilots, victim's rights advocates and command staff.

The Weld County Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit blended cutting-edge techniques with multi-agency cooperation to bring a dangerous and violent homicide suspect into custody. It's rare for a homicide involving strangers to be solved in several months, let alone in 10 hours. The Weld County Sheriff's Office wants to thank all our partner agencies in Northern Colorado and Wyoming that helped bring George into custody. The Weld County Sheriff's Office would also like to thank the public for their assistance during the subsequent investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is asked to call the Weld County Sheriff's Office at (970) 356-4015 or Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**. **Tips can also be submitted through the Crime Stoppers website at [www.crimeshurt.com](http://www.crimeshurt.com). Those submitting tips through Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and filing of charges on a suspect(s) may be eligible for a cash reward.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Reams'.

Steve Reams – Sheriff