



## LOVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Shooting		CASE NUMBER: 11-4731	
LOCATION: 900 Block of Daphne Drive	DATE: July 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 <b>UPDATE July 6, 2011</b>	TIME: 11:27 a.m.	
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Detective Brian Koopman		SUPERVISOR: Sergeant Bob Rabson	

**DETAILS:**

**UPDATE RELEASE July 6, 2011 @ 4:30 p.m.**

The emergency response to the above incident on Daphne Drive at approximately 11:27 a.m. July 5th was the result of a 9-1-1 call that reported a shooting had just occurred and the victim was outside a residence in the 900 block of Daphne Drive.

Police responding to the scene located 51 year-old Patrick Canaga in the front yard of the residence with an apparent gunshot wound that was suffered during an apparent family dispute. Thompson Valley Emergency Medical Service personnel and Loveland Fire/Rescue personnel provided immediate attention to Mr. Canaga's injuries at the scene and then transported him to a local hospital where he later died.

Police responders located and spoke with an occupant of the residence at the time of the incident. He was identified as 25 year-old Matthew Canaga, the son of the shooting victim. Matthew Canaga is currently employed by the Larimer County Coroner's Office as a Coroner's Investigator.

To avoid any potential conflict of interest, the Larimer County Coroner's Office requested and received assistance in completing additional aspects of the investigation. City and County of Denver Coroner's pathologist Dr. Carver performed the autopsy along with his assistant. The autopsy was also observed by an investigator from the Weld County Coroner's Office and Loveland Police Crime Scene personnel. Dr. Carver ruled that Patrick Canaga died of a single gunshot wound to the chest and further determined the manner of death to be homicide.

The investigation into this incident is continuing and will include investigating a potential defense of self-defense or the defense of others. Upon the conclusion of the investigation, the Larimer County District Attorney's office will screen the full investigation and make a determination regarding formal charges if any are appropriate.

Loveland Police appreciate the public's concern regarding this matter and acknowledge the delay in releasing information. Delay was required to permit proper notification of additional family members and to enhance the complex initial investigative process that continues at this time.

There will be no photos or additional information released at this time to further aid the protection of the investigation.

The incident remains under active police investigation and anyone with additional information relative to this incident who has not already spoken with Police is asked to contact Detective Brian Koopman at (970) 962-2248.

**\*The criminal charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty at trial.**

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**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS OR ANY OTHER CRIME PLEASE CONTACT  
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