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**NO CHARGES TO BE FILED IN OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING AT EVANS'
RODEWAY INN MOTEL**

GREELEY, Colo. (Weld County D.A.) – Today, The Weld County District Attorney’s Office issued a report clearing the Evans police officer involved in the September 10 shooting at the Rodeway Inn, located at 3015 8th Avenue in Evans.

District Attorney Michael Rourke and ADA Robert Miller have concluded, after an investigation, that the officer’s actions were justified.

The Critical Incident Response Team’s investigation revealed that on September 10, an officer with the Evans Police Department checked the registry at the Rodeway Inn to see if any of the guests had outstanding arrest warrants. The officer learned that David Blanco, 28, rented a room at the hotel and found he had an outstanding felony warrant from Kansas, which was issued in July 2013.

During the course of the officers’ contact with Blanco, he pointed a gun towards them and an officer returned fire. Blanco was not injured in the shooting.

The report outlining the District Attorney’s findings has been sent to Evans Police Chief Rick Brandt. That report, however, will not be made available at this time due to the ongoing criminal prosecution of David Blanco.

Blanco has been charged with three counts of felony menacing and four counts of child abuse without injury. His next court appearance will be held on October 28 at 3:30 p.m. in Division 12 for a preliminary hearing.

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