

PARK HILL

2 dead in shooting outside motorcycle club

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Two people were killed and five others injured in an overnight shooting outside of a motorcycle club in Denver's Park Hill neighborhood, police said Sunday.

Denver police officers responded to reports of a shooting at 5514 E. 33rd Ave., in the building adjacent to the Horizon Lounge, at 3:09 a.m. Sunday, said Kurt Barnes, a spokesperson for the department.

Based on preliminary investigation, the shooting appears to be linked to an after-hours gathering at the Hell's Lovers Motorcycle Club at that address, Denver police Cmdr. Matt Clark said.

Investigators found evidence of multiple guns being fired outside of the club, but officers are

still determining whether any shots were fired inside, Barnes said.

Barnes said six of the victims were adult men and one was an adult woman, but their names have not been released. One of the victims, an adult male, died from his injuries.

Just after 5:30 p.m. Sunday, the Denver Police Department tweeted that another adult male victim had died from his injuries at the hospital. The extent of the five other victims' injuries is unknown at this time, police said.

Shareef Aleem, a Park Hill resident who lives nearby, said he heard about 20 gunshots around 3 a.m.

"I thought it was firecrackers," said Aleem, who woke up from his sleep to the sound. "For about three to five seconds, it was like silence. Then, everybody was screaming."

He said he watched people jump into their cars and speed away in the aftermath.

On Sunday morning, the parking lot of the shooting scene and the Horizon Lounge, at 3298 Hudson St., remained closed off with police tape.

Kelly Marquez, a Park Hill resident, said she stood outside Sunday morning trying to learn more when she noticed the block was taped off.

"Over the years, there's been crime off and on in the area," she said. "They've cleaned it up quite a bit since when I was younger."

Anyone with additional information is asked to call Metro Denver Crime Stoppers at 720-713-9867.

The Hell's Lovers Motorcycle Club made news in Colorado in 2012 when federal agents, Denver police and other law enforcement agencies around the state arrested 19 members of

the motorcycle club on various drug and illegal firearms charges.

Then-U.S. Attorney John Walsh indicted the members of the motorcycle gang on a variety of criminal allegations, including stealing and using gear from the Adams County Sheriff's Office, possessing drugs and using Hell's Lovers clubhouses in Denver and Commerce City to distribute cocaine and marijuana, according to the Department of Justice.

The overnight incident in Park Hill is the latest in a string of Denver shootings in recent months with more than five victims.

Six people were shot — three fatally — on Oct. 14 at what police said was a party in an industrial area of the city, at 12445 E. 39th Ave.

A 17-year-old is accused of shooting and injuring five peo-

ple outside Dierks Bentley's Whiskey Row in Lower Downtown on Sept. 16 after being denied entrance.

Keanna Rosenburgh is being prosecuted as an adult and is facing 28 charges, including seven counts of attempted murder and 15 counts of assault, in connection with that shooting in the 1900 block of Market St.

And 10 people, including a suspected gunman, were injured in a shooting in downtown Denver in June during the celebration of the Denver Nuggets' NBA championship.

Police have said that incident, during which at least 20 shots were fired from multiple guns near Market and 20th streets, may have been linked to a drug deal.

At least three suspects have been arrested in the June shooting.

HANDWEAVERS GUILD OF BOULDER



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The Handweavers Guild of Boulder Fiber Art Show and Sale had a variety of creations, from rugs, jewelry, hats, blankets and more.

Fiber Art Show and Sale showcases members' creations

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Silk, wool, acrylic, cotton and more were woven, felted, knit and crocheted at the Handweavers Guild of Boulder Fiber Art Show and Sale.

The five-day show at the Boulder County Fairgrounds ended Sunday. The show displayed the work of many of the guild members, with a juried show and hundreds of hand-made items for sale.

Chandra Barker, assistant sale chair, said the guild welcomes any fiber artists and even those who are just beginning. She said fiber arts encompass a lot of different crafts such as weaving, knitting, crochet, quilting and felting, to name a few.

"This (the show) is an opportunity for our members to showcase their items," Barker said.

She said fiber arts are often part of one's heritage, and it is important to preserve that. She explained that often, people learn fiber arts from maternal figures in their life. So every time someone knits, she said as an example, they are connecting with their mother, grandmother and so on.

The show also has a juried showcase to which artists can submit their best work.

The theme to this year's showcase was "To Everything There is a Season," with the juror's choice award going to Carrie Lambert's "Salix," which she made by crocheting metal wire with beads to create a willow tree showing all the seasons.

Guild artist Colette Smith said the showcase had decorative and functional art. She showed how some artists used wool and felt to create scenes similar to an artist who uses chalk pastels.



Handweaver Guild of Boulder member demonstrates how she spins her own yarn.

Smith explained that rug makers have to be strong in order to weave very tightly to ensure the rug is functional. Some artists made their design through the weft, the horizontal fibers, while others used the warp, the vertical fibers.

Some HGB members see their creation the whole way through and have sheep, llama or alpaca whose wool they dye and spin into yarn or felt to create their art.

Rachel Courtney, HGB website manager, said everyone expresses themselves differently at different points of their life and that is what she loves about her showcase.

She noted 10 years from the showcase would look completely different.

"What I love about this is that ev-

ery piece of art is not just what the artist made, but it reflects on who taught them how to do that, and there's something so interwoven about that process," Courtney said.

Courtney said an old coworker of hers taught her how to crochet and she has been hooked since. She explained her old job was pretty sedentary, so it was great to be able to keep herself entertained by crocheting.

She said anyone can work with fiber, whether the artist chooses to shear their own wool or pick up acrylic yarn from a craft store. She said it can be as accessible as people choose, and opens up a world of different ways to express oneself.

The next HGB Fiber Art Show and Sale will be held Oct. 30- Nov. 3, 2024.

COLORADO

Record number of hail reports in 2023 water year

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Colorado saw record-breaking hail reports during the 2023 water year, according to the year-in-review report from the Colorado Climate Center at Colorado State University.

A water year, in which precipitation is measured, begins Oct. 1 of any year and ends Sept. 30 of the following year.

Colorado saw its 31st wettest water year on record this water year, with some areas northeast of Denver, including Denver International Airport and some of the northern suburbs, recording their wettest year.

Colorado saw nearly 800 reports of hail more than an inch, and hail reports at every inch mark from 1 to 4 inches set a record in 2023, according to the report.

There were 796 reports of hail more than 1 inch in 2023, more than 200 reports higher than the previous record of 561 reports in 2018.

Reports of hail more than 2 inches nearly doubled the previous record of 91 also set in 2018, with 176 reports in 2023.

The 37 3-inch-and-over and the 15 4-inch-and-over hail reports in 2023 tripled the previous records of 12 set in 2019 and five set in 2005, respectively.

Also included in the review, a 5.25-inch hailstone from Yuma County recorded in August by storm chaser Dan Fitts was the single largest hailstone reported in the state.



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Colorado's Aug. 8 supercell thunderstorm produced two tornadoes and swept a wave of large to giant hail across the state, with numerous reports of 2 inch or larger hail stones. The storm also produced a new Colorado state record hail stone with a diameter of 5.25 inches.

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The Flatirons are reflected in the still water of Walden Pond on a recent autumn day.

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