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On February 3, 2021, at approximately 1537 hours, Oak Creek Police Department officers and deputies from the Routt County Sheriff's Office responded to 218 East Highland Street in the City of Oak Creek on a report of shots fired. One male had been struck by a bullet but was not seriously injured. The male suspect drove away. At approximately 1541 hours, law enforcement received another call for shots fired in the area of 201 Wild Hogg Drive, unit number 37. The reporting party said a male matching the description of the male suspect from the Highland Street call had entered the residence and shot someone. The suspect, identified as Steven Patrick Padilla JR, 46 years old, had fired several rounds outside the residence. He then entered number 37 and attempted to shoot a male when his handgun malfunctioned. As Padilla was attempting to fix the firearm, the male tackled him in an attempt to subdue Padilla. Padilla was able to fire off several more shots, striking a male and female in the process, killing the male and wounding the female. A third male in the residence retrieved a firearm and shot Padilla, killing him. The female was taken to the hospital with non life threatening injuries.

The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by officers from the Oak Creek Police Department, detectives from the Routt County Sheriff's Office, and investigators from the Colorado Bureau of Investigations.

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