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## News Release

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### **Woman Arrested in Mother's Death**

**Pueblo, CO:** Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 47-year-old woman Friday on a felony warrant in connection with the death of her elderly mother who was attacked by her dogs.

Jessica Hoff was arrested on a warrant for criminal negligence resulting in death/at-risk adult and 54 counts of aggravated cruelty to animals death in the February incident at their Colorado City home. She has been booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

Deputies responded to the residence in the 4800 block of Jefferson Blvd on February 3 on a report of an unconscious woman. When they arrived, they found LaVonne Hoff, 76, unresponsive and several dogs running loose in the home and another approximately two dozen dogs and seven birds in cages in the home. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. Autopsy results determined LaVonne Hoff's death was attributed to the dog attack.

Sheriff's detectives conducted an extensive investigation and learned that Jessica Hoff had left her mother at home alone with her dogs that day while she went to Pueblo to run errands. LaVonne Hoff reportedly had dementia and required 24-hour care.

Detectives learned that while LaVonne Hoff was left alone, she was attacked by the dogs that were loose in the home. Detectives executed a search warrant on the home and a second property Jessica Hoff had in Colorado City and located a total of 54 dogs and the seven birds in her possession. The dogs and birds were found living in unsanitary conditions and several of the dogs were in poor health. The Sheriff's Office worked with Animal Law Enforcement to seize the dogs and the birds.

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