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At approximately 6:10pm, on March 9, 2011, Limon Police Officers and Lincoln County Deputies responded to a residence at the Wagon Wheel Trailer Park at the request of the U.S. Marshals Service to contact a male party for a fugitive warrant. As the officers were attempting to serve the warrant the fugitive shot and killed a Limon Police Officer. He then barricaded himself in another part of the trailer. Two additional officers remained confined inside the residence during this incident. The Douglas County SWAT and Elbert County SRT Teams were called to assist the Limon Police Department in resolving this situation. The fugitive remained barricaded inside the residence for several hours, during which time SWAT teams attempted to negotiate his surrender. At approximately 10:40pm teams entered the residence. Upon entry the teams found the fugitive with a self inflicted gunshot wound. The two officers inside the residence were unharmed. This incident remains under investigation by the 18th Judicial District Critical Response Team.

The Limon Police Department and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance with this incident:

Elbert County Sheriff's Office
Douglas County Sheriff's Office
Colorado State Patrol
Colorado Department of Corrections
Morgan County Sheriff's Office
Parker Police Department
Aurora Police Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Limon Ambulance Service
Limon Fire Department
AirLife

Jay Sheridan, 27, of Limon served his community as a member of the Limon Police Department for 6 ½ years. "Jay was an outstanding officer and will be greatly missed by his fellow officers and colleagues" stated Limon Police Chief Lynn Yowell.

Future inquiries should be directed to Casimer Spencer at the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office at 720-874-8556.