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Subject: Suspect Arrested After Armed Assault at Rock Rest Lodge

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### **Suspect Arrested After Armed Assault at Rock Rest Lodge**

**Jefferson County, CO.** – A quick-thinking waitress and staff at Rock Rest Lodge turned what began as a quiet afternoon into a display of courage and teamwork when they stopped an armed suspect from seriously injuring an employee.

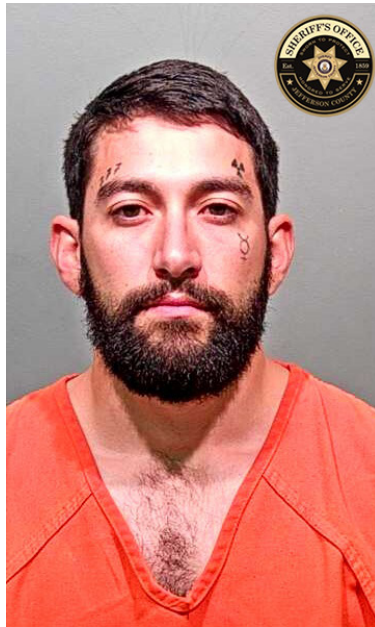
On Wednesday, May 21 at about 1:45 p.m., 30-year-old Brandon Montano walked into the Rock Rest Lodge, 16005 Mt. Vernon Road, sat down, and ordered a beer. According to those involved, Montano asked his waitress to check the women's restroom for something his girlfriend may have left in there. When she went into the bathroom, he followed her inside and assaulted her by brandishing a handgun and choking her.

Refusing to be a victim, the waitress fought back and wrestled the firearm away from the suspect. She then ran out of the bathroom and alerted coworkers. The coworkers quickly subdued and detained Montano until Jefferson County Sheriff's deputies arrived on scene.

Montano was taken into custody without further incident. He was arrested on multiple charges including 2<sup>nd</sup> degree kidnapping, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault strangulation, false imprisonment, menacing, and prohibited use of weapons. He is being held on a \$100,000 cash bond. The investigation is ongoing, and more charges could be added based on the outcome.

*The charges are merely legal allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent of the charges against them unless and until they are proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.*

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Brandon Montano 10-17-94