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Abigail Cozad had a tough life, owing to a traumatic brain injury suffered as a result of an accident involving a drunk driver when she was just fifteen.

Now, Cozad is dead, victim of a homicide. Her body was found in an Adams County motel.

Now, the Adams County Sheriff's Office is on the lookout for Emiliano Urioste, the man suspected of killing her.

Cozad's father, speaking to 9News, says his daughter suffered from depression as a result of her injury. However, she seemed fine when she headed off on Saturday, May 30, to spend time with friends.

She didn't return-and at about 10 a.m. on Monday, June 1, her body was found in the Primrose Motel, 5450 Federal Boulevard. (Berkley, CO)

Three days later, on June 4, the sheriff's office put out an alert for Urioste, who's said to have a criminal past that includes domestic violence allegations. In addition, law enforcers asked folks to look for Cozad's car, a blue 2009 Honda Civic.

Yesterday, June 10, the ACS revealed that Cozad's car had been located. However, Urioste is still currently at large, and Cozad's father remains confused about the circumstances of his beloved daughter's death. His best guess about what led to the tragedy: Her condition tended to make her trust too easily.

Cozad will be remembered at services taking place at a Loveland funeral home tomorrow, Friday, June 12.

UPDATE, Saturday, June 12: Emiliano Urioste, the suspected killer of Abigail Cozad, turned himself in to authorities in Adams County on Friday, June 12. That same day, Cozad was laid to rest. Urioste is being held on suspicion of first-degree murder.

UPDATE, June 15: A second arrest has been made in the Adams County homicide of Abigail "Abby" Cozad.

The Adams County Sheriff's Office had originally sought Emiliano Urioste after the body of Cozad-a young woman who'd suffered a traumatic brain injury as a teen and trusted too easily, according to her dad-was found in the Primrose Motel on Federal Boulevard the morning of June 1.

On Friday, June 12, Urioste turned himself in to authorities. Then, yesterday, the ACSO announced that a second person, Teresa Dean, has been arrested on suspicion of first-degree murder in the case.

Thus far, the office isn't releasing additional details about the possible connection between Urioste, Dean and Cozad, the stepdaughter of Weld County Commissioner Julie Cozad.

UPDATE, June 24: The story of Abigail "Abby" Cozad's murder, about which we've been reporting for nearly two weeks, keeps getting sadder-and more disturbing.

Now, information has surfaced that Cozad arrived at the motel a day before her body was found with the lower half of her body wrapped in plastic. We also know more about Cozad's relationship with Emiliano Urioste, one of the two people (the other is Teresa Dean) charged with first-degree murder in her death. Turns out they'd met a month before her death outside a mental health facility. Cozad suffered from the effects of a traumatic brain injury that occurred when she was a teenager.