

## **UPDATE 2: Assault victim released from hospital**

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### **Woman returns to son, parents in Colorado.**

A 42-year-old Colorado woman, who was hospitalized after an assault on east Highway 30, was released from Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney Saturday.

Gothenburg police chief Randy Olson said the woman will rehabilitate in Colorado with her son and parents.

Olson is not releasing the name of the woman, who was struck by her boyfriend—Jason Melledy—and suffered severe facial and head injuries on Sept. 17.

Local police officers and fire fighters were called to the scene about midnight after receiving a report of a one-vehicle accident.

Olson said they were flagged down by the woman's 8-year-old son who directed them to his injured mother who was lying in the westbound lane of the highway.

After the assault, Olson said 39-year-old Melledy drove off the highway at a high rate of speed and into an irrigation ditch. Although he was injured in the crash, the police chief said Melledy walked to the 900 block of 16th Street where he killed himself.

Last week, Olson said alcohol is believed to have been a factor in the assault.

Melledy was from Peyton, CO, and the victim lives in Castle Rock, CO.

The two and the woman's son had been at a wedding reception near Gothenburg.

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