

Link sought in two Colo. church shootings

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DENVER -- Police and federal agents in Colorado Monday sought links between two church shootings a day earlier that killed five people and wounded five others. The first shooting was in the town of Arvada about 12:30 a.m., where a gunman shot four people, killing two of them after being denied a place to sleep at the Youth With a Mission center, police said. A little more than 12 hours later, a gunman opened fire at the New Life Church in Colorado Springs, the Rocky Mountain News reported. Two people were killed and three others were injured before an unidentified female security shot and killed the gunman, the Denver Post said. At a news briefing, Arvada Police Chief Don Wick said there was "reason to believe" the two attacks were connected, but did not elaborate. CNN said witnesses said there were similarities in descriptions of a black-clad gunman in both shootings, which are also being investigated by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The gunman had not been publicly identified early Monday.

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