

Man killed at Colorado capitol

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FORT COLLINS, Colo. -- A man killed by police outside the Colorado governor's office sent an e-mail to the company where he was an intern saying God had appointed him to rule. Aaron Snyder e-mailed employees at Advanced Energy in Fort Collins early Monday, saying he had been chosen "emperor of sovereign rule." He then left the company for the capitol building in Denver, the Rocky Mountain News reported, renting a tuxedo on the way. "God has bestowed this honor on me. Today is the appointed day in which God has chosen for me to begin my reign," Snyder said. "I have decided to favor Advanced Energy as a company. Please keep the emperor's desk free for my use in R&D purposes when I have spare time. I take engineering very seriously." Just before a capitol police officer killed Snyder outside Gov. Bill Ritter's office, Northglenn police called police in Fort Collins. An employee at a formal wear shop had called to report Snyder was armed with a knife and gun. Around the same time, Advanced Energy notified police about the strange e-mail. Snyder had been working at the company on a three-month research internship.

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