

Woman admits suicide pact bid with twin sister

Reason for decision unclear as one dies

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Englewood, Colo: A surviving 29-year-old Australian twin has told American officials during emotional questioning that she and her sister were trying to carry out a suicide pact at a state park shooting range, but the reason why they wanted to die remains a mystery.

Investigators say each woman shot herself in the head with ammunition bought at a Family Shooting Center in the American state of Colorado, one using a rented 0.22-calibre revolver and the other a rented 0.22-calibre semiautomatic handgun. One of the sisters died at the range in suburban Denver on Monday. The other suffered a serious head wound and remains hospitalised in serious condition.

The survivor wouldn't say why she and her sister wanted to commit suicide, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Capt. Louie Perea said Thursday. No charges are expected to be filed against her. Denver station KDVR-TV identified them as Kristin and Candace Hermeler, taking their names from an affidavit that was filed by sheriff's deputies.

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