

Media Release

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Deputy Involved Shooting with Armed Suspect – Suspect Deceased

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION– This information is from initial verbal reports by personnel on the scene which provide an overview of the incident based on what was known at the time.

The incident - A YCSO deputy was involved in a shooting just after 5:30 PM today with an armed suspect at a residence in the 1200 block of Oxbow Drive – Prescott Country Club, Dewey, Arizona. Deputies had been called to the location regarding reports of an armed suicidal male inside the home. When deputies approached the front door of the residence, the 51-year-man pointed a handgun at the deputies. One of the deputies fired his duty weapon and struck the armed suspect. It is unknown at this time if the suspect fired any rounds.

The injured suspect was transported to a local hospital where he eventually died. The deputy was not hurt.

The initial call to YCSO came from a neighbor who had just been in phone contact with one of the suspect's family members. This family member, who does not live in the area, was on the phone with the suspect as he expressed threats of suicide while apparently in possession of a firearm.

YCSO has requested the Department of Public Safety, Officer Involved Shooting Team, to investigate the incident and they are expected on scene later this evening.

Per YCSO policy, the deputy involved in the shooting will not be identified for at least 48 hours. Identification of the suspect is pending next of kin.

Updates will be issued when they become available.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:

www.ycsoaz.gov