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Trooper-Involved Shooting in Fairbanks

(FAIRBANKS, Alaska) – At 7:39 this morning a 911 call was made to the Fairbanks Trooper Dispatch Center. Dispatchers could hear labored breathing but no communication was able to be established. Fairbanks troopers and EMS from the University of Alaska Fire Department were sent to the scene as a precaution. Upon arrival, medics staged outside the home and troopers attempted to make contact with the residents.

When the responding trooper knocked on the door, a naked adult male brandishing a knife opened the door and confronted the trooper. The trooper retreated approximately 20 feet while the male advanced on him, threatening him with the knife. The trooper ordered the male to drop the knife and the male refused, continuing to advance on the trooper. The trooper subsequently fired his service weapon at the suspect.

Medics provided emergency medical treatment to the suspect on the scene and he was transported to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Following up on the original 911 call, the trooper entered the residence and found a deceased woman inside lying next to the phone. A marijuana grow was also found in the lower level of the residence.

The Alaska Bureau of Investigation is investigating.

At this time, there is not any more information available for the media and the public. We ask for your patience as we are in the process of investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of the woman and the trooper-involved shooting.

Per department policy, the name of the trooper involved in the shooting will not be released for three days. The trooper will be placed on administrative leave for three days as well, which is standard when troopers are involved in a shooting.

*If you would like to speak with Colonel Holloway in regard to this shooting incident, please contact the PIO at 269-5413 or 351-3137.