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### **Troopers involved in Palmer Shooting Identified**

(PALMER, Alaska) – The troopers involved in the shooting near Palmer on July 4, 2011 were:

- Alaska State Trooper Timothy Cronin of the Palmer Post, a trooper since February of 2008.
- Alaska State Trooper Matthew Determan of the Mat-Su West Post, a trooper since January of 2010

Three other troopers and three Wasilla Police Officers were on scene, but did not fire their weapons. The incident is still under investigation by the Alaska Bureau of Investigation. As part of the process, ABI conducts a thorough investigation. The Department of Law's Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals (OSPA) reviews the investigation conducted by ABI to determine that the troopers acted within the law. The Department of Public Safety then reviews the case to determine if the troopers' actions were appropriate under the circumstance, in accordance with department policy and they used every option to try to avoid using deadly force and prevent the final outcome.

No further information is available for the public at this time.

### **Original Press Release**

July 4, 2011

(PALMER, Alaska) – A Palmer man was shot and killed early this morning after threatening troopers with a gun. Troopers first responded to a residence near mile four of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway following a 911 call at 12:45 a.m. indicating there was a suicidal man at the home. Troopers responded to the residence and negotiated with Adrian T. Spindler, 19, of Palmer for about an hour by phone and in person, trying to resolve the situation peacefully. Two women were at the home when troopers arrived at the residence, but were evacuated to a safe place while negotiations continued. Five troopers and three Wasilla Police Officers were involved in the standoff.

At about 1:45 a.m., Spindler came outside of the home and threatened troopers with a handgun. At this time, two troopers fired at Spindler, shooting him. Medics who were staged nearby responded and declared Spindler dead on scene.

The investigation into the cause and circumstances surrounding the shooting is ongoing by members of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation. As per department policy, the troopers involved in the shooting are on administrative leave for 72 hours. The names of the troopers will be released on Thursday, July 7, 2011.