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Officer Involved Death Investigation in Forest County, Wis.

TOWN OF NASHVILLE, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved death that occurred in the Town of Nashville, in Forest County, Wis. on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

At 3:26 p.m., officers with the Crandon Police Department, Forest County Sheriff's Office, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) responded to reports of an active shooter within a housing complex on Indian Settlement Road in the Town of Nashville, which is located on the tribal lands of the Sokaogon Chippewa Community.

Upon law enforcement's arrival, the subject discharged their weapon toward nearby dwellings and toward law enforcement officers on scene. During the encounter, two officers with the Crandon Police Department and a DNR conservation warden discharged their weapons, striking the subject.

A rifle was later recovered from the scene.

EMS was contacted and life saving measures were rendered on the subject, who was pronounced deceased on scene.

No members of law enforcement or other members of the public were injured during this incident.

The DNR conservation warden and one of the two Crandon Police Department officers were wearing a body-worn camera during the incident. Two Crandon Police

Department vehicles on scene were equipped with squad cameras. All three of the officers will be placed on administrative leave, per their agencies' policies.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by a DCI Crime Response Specialist, the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Forest County Sheriff's Office.

Involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation. DCI is continuing to review evidence and determine the facts of this incident and will turn over the investigative reports to the Forest County District Attorney's Office when the investigation concludes.

Please direct all media inquiries to Wisconsin DOJ.