



NEWS RELEASE

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

Officer Involved Shooting

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KALKASKA COUNTY, MI. On Saturday, January 27, 2024, deputies from the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office were called to a residence on Ingersol Road in Fife Lake for a domestic assault. The suspect, a 35-year-old man from Fife Lake, had fled the scene.

On Sunday, the suspect was seen on a neighboring property owner's trail camera approximately one mile from the residence on Ingersol Road. The property owner asked another neighbor to check the security of his trailer because he does not live nearby. The neighbor drove to the trailer and was confronted by the suspect. The suspect exited the trailer and fired a gun into the air. The neighbor left and contacted police.

A conservation officer from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and a deputy from the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office responded and saw the suspect fleeing into the woods. As the conservation officer and deputy pursued him, they heard gunfire and took cover. A Michigan State Police (MSP) K-9 Team, and a member of the MSP Emergency Support Team (EST) responded and began a track of the suspect.

The suspect was tracked to an elevated enclosed tree stand. Upon approaching the tree stand a confrontation occurred and troopers fired at the suspect inside the tree stand. Additional MSP EST members responded along with MSP Aviation. A drone was deployed, and it was determined that the suspect was deceased. Inside the enclosed tree stand troopers recovered a loaded gun under the body of the suspect.

The MSP Forensic Science Laboratory from Grayling and the MSP Sixth District Investigative Response Team from Grand Rapids responded to the scene to conduct the investigation. An autopsy is scheduled later today. The case remains under investigation.