



News Release



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Date: February 12, 2022
Subject: Officer Involved Shooting

On February 12, 2022 at approximately 2:20 a.m., an Eden Valley Police Officer attempted to initiate a vehicle stop for a traffic offense. The driver fled west from Eden Valley on MN Highway 55 and the officer pursued. Approximately one mile west of Eden Valley, the vehicle went in to the ditch. The driver and lone occupant of the vehicle exited the vehicle and at one point there was an exchange of gunfire. The driver was shot and the officer immediately started life saving measures. Meeker County Deputies, Stearns County Deputies, Litchfield Police, Watkins Ambulance and LifeLink III all responded to the scene. The driver succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. The deceased has been taken to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office for formal identification and to determine the cause and manner of death. A handgun was recovered at the scene. The Eden Valley Police Department does not have body cameras; however, they have a squad camera which was operating throughout the incident. The MN BCA was called and has taken over the investigation. This is an active and on-going investigation and no further details are available at this time.