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State Police Investigate Luna County Sheriff's Department Shooting

Luna County: (February 29, 2008) – State Police are investigating a police involved shooting that occurred February 29, 2008, in the area of Torreon Road, approximately 18 miles south of Deming.

The investigation has revealed that Luna County Deputies were dispatched to a disturbance call at approximately 7:30pm, wherein; a landlord reported that she had been assaulted by a tenant while she was cleaning up the property. Shortly after 8:00pm, while deputies were speaking with the landlord, they reported being shot at by the suspected tenant. Deputies took cover and called for their SWAT team. Once the SWAT team arrived they initiated verbal contact with the tenant, Mr. David High, 60 years of age. At approximately 10:50pm Mr. High exited his residence armed with a handgun and fired two rounds in the direction of the negotiator. Swat team members returned fire striking Mr. High on both legs. The deputies and EMS personnel moved in to provide emergency care to High. He was subsequently flown to Thomason Hospital in El Paso, Texas, where he remains in stable condition. His injuries do not appear to be life threatening.

New Mexico State Police Criminal Investigations agents along with members of the Officer Involved Shooting Task Force, which is comprised of members from the New Mexico State Police, Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department and Las Cruces Police Department, are continuing the investigation. A final report will be presented to the District Attorney for review.

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