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North Dakota Highway Patrol Officer Involved Shooting - Update

NARRATIVE:

On the evening of Tuesday, September 7, at approximately 8:18 pm, a North Dakota Highway Patrol trooper was assisting Morton County Sheriff's Office deputies in a pursuit of a vehicle traveling east on Interstate 94 near mile marker 139 or 13 miles west of Mandan. The pursuit originated from a reckless driver call. When the pursuit ended, the trooper fired his weapon resulting in the death of the lone vehicle occupant, a 45 year-old Billings, Montana man.

The incident is under investigation by the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). Our trooper has been placed on administrative leave pending the investigation by BCI and review by the Morton County State's Attorney, which is standard practice and department policy following an officer involved shooting.

North Dakota Highway Patrol troopers train extensively for high-risk incidents. We value each individual and understand that the loss of life is a tragic event.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol has a robust program in place to assist our troopers and their families through these difficult times.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

UPDATE: The trooper involved in this incident is identified as Trooper Steven Mayer.

OCTOBER 05, 2021

UPDATE: The North Dakota Highway Patrol has received notice from the Morton County State's Attorney's Office that after careful review of the officer involved shooting, Trooper Mayer was justified in discharging his firearm in the defense of self and others. Therefore, there will be no charges arising from this incident or investigation. The NDHP has reviewed the case as well and has determined that Trooper Mayer acted within department policy during the incident.

To assist in fulfilling anticipated media open records requests, case reports and video files can be accessed [here](#). The link will remain active for 48 hours to allow media outlets to download the information. Please direct any follow-up requests to ndhprecordrequest@nd.gov.

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