

New Mexico State Police officer involved shooting

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Dona Ana County – On Jan. 30, the New Mexico State Police assisted the United States Border Patrol with a vehicle pursuit.

At approximately 7:40 am, a grey Nissan passenger vehicle with a stolen license plate eluded the Border Patrol checkpoint. Border Patrol agents initiated a pursuit and requested the assistance of the New Mexico State Police and the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office.

During the pursuit, the vehicle began to travel southbound in the northbound lanes of Interstate 25. Tire deflation devices were deployed several times which the driver avoided and continued to travel southbound in the northbound lanes. At one point during the pursuit, a New Mexico State Police Tactical Team officer discharged his department issued rifle.

Additional tire deflation devices were deployed that the driver attempted to avoid, at which point the driver lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle came to rest on the west shoulder of Interstate 25 at mile marker 10. Officers were able to take the driver into custody without further incident. He was transported to the hospital for medical issues not related to the incident. He was not struck by gunfire.

The suspect, who was identified as Lewis C. Delgado, 37, of Anthony, N.M., was charged with:

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- Receiving or Transferring a motor vehicle (4th Degree Felony)
- Aggravated Fleeing (4th Degree Felony)
- Possession of Methamphetamine (4th Degree Felony)
- Driving while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor and or drug 4th Offense (4th Degree Felony)

The New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau was requested to investigate the incident. The identification of the officers will not be released at this time. No officers were injured during the incident. This information is preliminary, and the investigation is still active and ongoing.

The New Mexico State Police is asking if you were witness to or were traveling on I-25 at the time of the incident to please contact New Mexico State Police in Las Cruces at (575) 382-2500 option one.

When more information is available State Police will send out an additional press release.