

Police shooting involving Valencia County Sheriff's Office

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LOS LUNAS, N.M. – On May 1, the New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau was contacted to investigate a police shooting involving the Valencia County Sheriff's Office.

State Police agents learned that on May 1, at about 12:07 am the Valencia County Sheriff's Office was called to a residence in Los Lunas for a report of a stolen firearm. Deputies were told by the victim that the suspect, Isaac Pineda, 37, of Los Lunas, had stolen the victim's firearm. The victim also said that the suspect threatened to harm the suspects own family with the firearm.

When deputies arrived at Pineda's residence of 682 Meadowlake Road, Pineda announced to the deputies that he had a rifle pointed at them. Deputies backed away from the residence. Pineda's family was able to safely exit the residence. Pineda then came out of the residence and pointed his rifle at the deputies. Deputies discharged their firearms and fatally struck Pineda, who was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Office of the Medical Investigator.

Pineda had an extensive and violent criminal history to include Kidnapping, False Imprisonment, Battery on a Household Member, Aggravated Battery Against a Household Member, Aggravated Fleeing of a Law Enforcement Officer, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting, and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

The investigation is still very preliminary, and the identification of the deputies involved will not be released until all have been interviewed. For information on the initial stolen firearm call or for the duty status of the deputies please refer those inquiries to the Valencia County Sheriff's Office. No deputies or family members were injured in the incident. When more details are available State Police will send out additional information.

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