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From: Burdel Welsh, Chief of Police, West Wendover Police

Re: Officer Involved Shooting

The following information is preliminary and subject to change.

On Thursday, November 17, 2016 at approximately 8:46 pm MST, West Wendover Police Dispatch received a call from the Southern Exposure Club, 1890 W Plateau Way, West Wendover, NV. The caller reported a white male wearing a black jacket shooting a gun inside the club.

Officers responded within two minutes and the suspect fled in a passenger car. He was pursued by West Wendover Police Officers. At approximately 8:49 pm, The suspect crashed his vehicle into a guard rail on the southeast corner of West Wendover Blvd and Camper Drive. The suspect began firing at police officers and two officers returned fire. At some point, firing stopped, the suspect continued moving around the interior of the car, but refused commands to exit the vehicle.

Additional officers responded and established a perimeter. Area casinos, hotels, truck stop, and businesses were put into a lockdown mode. The standoff continued for approximately 39 minutes. At approximately 9:28 pm, the suspect exited the passenger side of the car and got down onto the ground, but refused commands to show his hands. Officers approached and took him into custody.

When the suspect was taken into custody, officers discovered the suspect suffered an apparent bullet wound to his chest. He also had injuries to his leg, unknown if from the crash or gunshot. The suspect was transported by ambulance to a helicopter and flown to a Salt Lake, Utah area trauma center for treatment.

Investigators are en route from the Elko County Sheriff's Office, Elko Police Department, and Nevada Highway Patrol Division of Investigations.

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