

Sheriff



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UPDATE: INCIDENT BEGAN WITH ATTEMPTED TRAFFIC STOP

An officer involved shooting that took place this evening in Mary Esther began when an Okaloosa County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to make a traffic stop on a driver who had been the subject of a citizen's 9-1-1 call in reference to erratic driving.

The deputy was not injured.

The man was taken to a Pensacola hospital and is expected to recover.

As part of an established protocol, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is processing the scene and interviewing witnesses. Additional details are expected to be released Thursday.

The incident took place around 5:45 p.m. near the intersection of Mary Esther Cut-off and Anchors Street.

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