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Media Advisory: Deputy Involved Shooting at Scottish Inn

On January 20, 2017, at approximately 11:10 PM, Deputies received a tip regarding a wanted subject who was staying at the Scottish Inn at 4341 SW 13th St. in Gainesville. Deputies arriving on scene encountered a white male subject matching the suspect's description in the parking lot of the hotel. Upon seeing law enforcement, the suspect brandished a firearm and began making threats to either shoot himself or force law enforcement to shoot him. The suspect, still armed, then fled from deputies who gave chase. The suspect then emerged from between two buildings on the hotel property with firearm in hand where he was again confronted by ACSO deputies who ordered him to drop his weapon. The suspect refused deputies' commands at which time shots were fired striking the suspect.

The suspect has been confirmed deceased. No deputies or bystanders were injured during the course of the incident. The ACSO conducted a canvas of the other hotel occupants to ensure no other injuries were sustained.

As is ACSO procedure, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement has been contacted and is on scene conducting their investigation into the shooting. The ACSO Office of Professional Standards is also on scene and will be conducting a parallel administrative internal investigation.

The ACSO personnel involved in the shooting will be placed on temporary administrative leave as a matter of procedure while the investigation proceeds.

Information regarding the identity of the suspect and the deputies involved will be released at a later time pending next of kin notification.

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