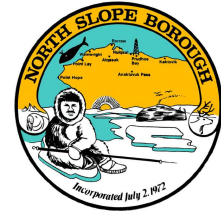


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### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**April 19, 2026**  
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#### **Point Lay Incident**

POINT LAY, Alaska – At approximately 7:08 AM, the North Slope Borough police officer in Point Lay was dispatched to a residence following a report of a 38-year-old male who was reported to be in crisis, threatening self-harm. The male was reportedly intoxicated and in possession of a firearm. Upon arrival, in the area of 900 block, the reporting party advised the officers an SKS-style rifle had been inside the residence and stated that children remained inside. The children were later safely removed from the residence by relatives.

The officer learned that the male suspect had discharged a firearm earlier that day. The officer received additional reports of multiple gunshots nearby the residence. The officer monitored the residence, where the male suspect was the only occupant. Backup from Utqiagvik arrived at around 2:00 PM.

At approximately 2:17 PM, the officer got a call reporting the male suspect was now calm, firearms were secured, and was willing to speak with officers.

At approximately 2:30 PM, officers were able to contact the male suspect and place him into custody for several felony allegations. We wish to assure the public that this was an isolated event with no broader safety concerns.

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