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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Investigation Underway Following Officer-Involved Shooting**

**UTQIAGVIK, Alaska** -- On Saturday, May 23, 2026, at approximately 4:09 p.m., officers with the North Slope Borough Police Department (NSBPD) were involved in a shooting involving an individual in the 4100 block of Herman Street in Utqiagvik.

Following the incident, officers immediately provided emergency medical aid until additional medical personnel arrived on scene. The individual was transported to the hospital for treatment but later succumbed to their injuries.

This incident is now under investigation by the Alaska State Troopers, which is NSBPD's standard procedure for officer-involved shootings. Because the investigation is active and ongoing, additional information will be released as it becomes available and appropriate to share.

We recognize that incidents like this deeply affect families, neighbors, first responders, and the broader community. We ask for patience as investigators work to determine the facts surrounding this incident.

Future updates and media inquiries related to the incident will be handled by the Alaska State Troopers.

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