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CCSO investigates deputy-involved shooting

Cleveland County sheriff's detectives are investigating a deputy-involved shooting that happened Saturday morning in Norman.

About 8:45 a.m. Saturday, a deputy stopped a GMC sport utility vehicle for a traffic violation near the intersection of 24th Avenue SW and Boyd Street in Norman. Two men were the only occupants inside the SUV. Soon after, a K-9 arrived at the traffic stop to assist.

During the traffic stop, the driver advised the deputy there was a gun and drugs in the vehicle which the K-9 alerted to shortly after the admission. While beginning a search of the vehicle, the passenger ran to the K-9 deputy's patrol car and got inside the vehicle.

One deputy ran after the suspect and attempted to extract the suspect from the patrol vehicle. The subject managed to put the vehicle in drive and drag the deputy a short distance.

The other deputy opened fire and struck the suspect. The suspect was transported by vehicle to Norman Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The driver of the SUV was arrested on drug complaints and booked into the Cleveland County Detention Center. Names of the suspects and deputies involved in the incident will be released at a later time.

Both deputies have been placed on routine paid administrative leave. Detectives continue to investigate the incident.

Any questions regarding this press release and/or information can be addressed to Meghan McCormick, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, community liaison/public information officer. McCormick can be reached at (405) 701-8847.