



NEWS RELEASE

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Homicide Investigation

GREAT FALLS, MT – March 17, 2023, at approximately 5:40pm, 911 dispatchers received reports of neighbors hearing gunshots coming from a residence in the 1400 block of 3rd West Hill Dr.

Upon arrival, officers discovered one person deceased from what appeared to be a gunshot wound. Officers quickly identified a suspect and learned that person had left the residence only minutes before.

Approximately 11 local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies worked together and, at approximately 11pm last night, a lengthy pursuit and standoff ended in Pondera County, when the suspect died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

GFPD detectives are leading the investigation into the homicide that occurred on 3rd West Hill Dr. Community members should expect to see police activity at the residence throughout the day. Montana Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation is leading the death investigation in Pondera County.

Cascade County Sheriff Jesse Slaughter will release the name of the decedent in Great Falls when he determines it is appropriate to do so. To protect the integrity of the investigation, we are unable to share further details at this time.

We appreciate the community's cooperation and concern for all involved.

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