

Officer-Involved Shooting Leaves Surf Apartments Resident Dead

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Late Monday afternoon, an officer involved shooting occurred at the Surf Apartments, in Crescent City.

Details remain sketchy due to the sensitive nature of the investigation, according to Police Chief Richard Griffin.

The decedent has been identified as John Spencer, 67 of Gasquet and Crescent City.

Here's what The Triplicate has learned:

Del Norte Sheriff/Coroner Garrett Scott reports on February 17, 2025 at 1630 hours (4:30PM), the DNSD assisted the Crescent City Police Dept.(CCPD) at the Surf Apartments regarding a man with a gun.

During the response a law enforcement officer discharged his weapon. An adult male was confirmed deceased at the scene by a DNSO deputy Coroner.

Further details cannot be released due to the sensitivity and thoroughness of the investigation.

A team from the Sacramento area California Highway Patrol (CHP) was requested by both the CCPD and DNSO.

The Sheriff's Office states it will do all that it can to release further details of the incident once the Office is certain the information will not jeopardize a complete investigation by the CHP team.

Lt. Commander James Richards of the local CHP Office in Crescent City stated was scheduled to arrive at about 2300 hours (11:00PM), Monday night and the CHP Office will release additional information when appropriate.