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Media Advisory: Criminal and Internal Investigation Launched into Deputy Use of Force

On Thursday, September 29, 2016, ACSO Deputies responded to the 14400 block of NE State Road 26 to the report of a suspicious person sitting in a ditch by the road in front of a residence. As a result of the encounter Deputy Dominic Bevilacqua employed a use of physical force on that subject.

Based on an initial review of in-car video and photographs, a criminal investigation has been ordered by Sheriff Darnell, and Deputy Bevilacqua has been placed on administrative suspension pending the outcome of parallel criminal and internal investigations.

Due to these open and active investigations, additional information regarding this incident will not be released until such time as the matter has been concluded.

Deputy Bevilacqua was hired in January of 2012 and is assigned to the Patrol Operations Division.

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