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Media Advisory: Criminal Investigation into Deputy Use of Force Completed

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, investigations into the incident were ordered by Sheriff Darnell. Deputy Bevilacqua was placed on administrative suspension on September 30, 2016 pending the outcome of those parallel criminal and internal investigations.

The criminal investigation into this incident has been concluded, and this morning, detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division delivered a sworn complaint to the 8th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office recommending Deputy Bevilacqua be charged with one count of battery. An internal administrative investigation being conducted by our Office of Professional Standards is still ongoing, and Deputy Bevilacqua remains on administrative suspension at this time.

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

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