

SHERIFF

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DARE COUNTY

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At approximately 11:16pm on 1/22/2026, Deputies responded to Hatteras Village for a report of a domestic disturbance with a shotgun involved. As the Deputies arrived the suspect fled in a vehicle and vehicle pursuit ensued. The vehicle pursuit ended with the suspect stopping the vehicle.

The suspect exited the vehicle and was combative and resisted arrest, resulting in injuries to one of the Deputies. The deputy fired two shots resulting in injury to the suspect.

The Deputy and the suspect were transported to Outer Banks Hospital by Dare County EMS. The Deputy was treated and released, while the suspect was Medflighted to Virginia for further treatment.

Agents with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations (SBI) responded to the scene and initiated an investigation into the Officer involved shooting. Criminal charges have been issued against the suspect. Further information to be released by the SBI at an appropriate time.

