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PRESS RELEASE
A24-11996 HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION
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On 06/19/24 at approximately 1021 hours, Cowlitz County Deputies were dispatched to the 100 Block of Lake Road, Silver Lake (Streeter's Resort) to a report that a male subject had been shot.

While Deputies were enroute, it was reported the male subject, armed with a handgun, had entered a motor home parked nearby.

Cowlitz County Deputies, Castle Rock Police, and Washington State Fish and Wildlife quickly arrived on scene and set up positions of containment around the suspect's motorhome.

While this was occurring, Deputies, Castle Rock Fire, and Toutle Fire provided medical aid to the 56-year-old victim, but despite their best efforts, the victim was shortly thereafter pronounced deceased at the scene. Chaplains responded to assist the victim's family.

Lower Columbia SWAT was activated and responded to the scene. A search warrant was obtained by CCSO Detectives which was served by Lower Columbia SWAT. The suspect's motor home was breached, and a drone was flown inside the RV. A drone operator located the male suspect lying motionless inside the interior of the RV. A SWAT team element subsequently entered the RV and discovered the 86-year-old male suspect deceased of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

This is currently an active investigation, and the names of the suspect and victim are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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