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Officer Involved Shooting-Wildwood

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On January 22, 2024, at approximately 2309 hrs, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call located at the Rails End Mobile Home Park in reference to a female who was in distress and having a mental episode. She initially requested rescue personnel respond to her residence and stated "people were dying over here" and hung up shortly after. Due to the limited information provided by the complainant, rescue personnel staged in the area until the scene could be secured by deputy sheriffs. The female was later identified as Janet Sours, W/F, 02/20/42.

Deputies arrived at the scene and made contact with the complainant Janet Sours and began to investigate her complaint. While deputies were talking with the complainant trying to determine if her complaint was real or if she was having a mental episode, the complainant, Janet Sours pulled a knife from behind her back and lunged at the deputy attempting to stab him. At this point, the deputy took evasive action backing up while simultaneously drawing his service weapon and fired on the complainant/suspect. Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and started performing life-saving measures on the suspect. The suspect was transported to the Ocala Regional Medical Center where she succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at approximately 0048 hrs.

Special agents with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement arrived on scene and took over the investigation. The investigation is ongoing at this time. The suspect's next of kin has been notified.

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