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Statement from Eureka Mayor Sonya Richardson

On behalf of the Town of Eureka, I extend our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of the Lincoln County sheriff's deputy who lost his life responding to a disturbance outside Eureka. We stand with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, and everyone affected by this tragedy.

Officer Dave Steed with the Eureka Police Department also responded to assist and was injured during the incident with non-life-threatening injuries. Our thoughts are with him and his family, and we are committed to supporting them throughout his recovery.

Our police department provides mutual aid to neighboring agencies when assistance is needed. That cooperation is essential to protecting residents throughout our rural communities.

The suspect was apprehended and is in custody. There is no continued threat to our community.

I am deeply grateful to the law enforcement officers, dispatchers, emergency medical personnel, and other responders who served under extraordinarily difficult circumstances.

The incident remains under investigation. To protect the integrity of that investigation, the Town will not comment on the circumstances of the shooting. Please look to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for official investigative updates.

This is a painful time for our community. Please join me in keeping the deputy's loved ones, our injured officer and his family, and all those affected in your thoughts, while respecting their privacy.

Sonya Richardson
Mayor, Town of Eureka