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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE INVESTIGATING DEATH AT THE GREAT SAUK TRAIL REST AREA

PRINCETON – The Illinois State Police (ISP) is investigating a death in Bureau County.

At approximately 9:51 p.m. on December 10, 2025, ISP Troopers, along with other local law enforcement partners, located a suspect vehicle wanted in connection to a homicide in Rock County, Wisconsin. A traffic stop was attempted, and a pursuit ensued, ending at the Great Sauk Trail Rest Area on I-80 westbound. Contact was attempted with the driver, and officers approached the vehicle. The driver, and sole occupant, was discovered deceased with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The ISP will conduct a thorough investigation and remain in contact with the Bureau County State's Attorney's Office regarding the incident. The investigation is active and ongoing and no additional information is available at this time.

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