



# ILLINOIS STATE POLICE

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### **ILLINOIS STATE POLICE INVESTIGATING PURSUIT THAT ENDS WITH APPARENT SELF-INFLICTED GUNSHOT WOUND**

**EAST ST. LOUIS** – The East St. Louis Police Department requested the Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6 to investigate a police pursuit that ended with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

On February 14, 2026, at approximately 2:28 a.m., East St. Louis Police Department (ESLPD) officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of 47<sup>th</sup> Street and State Street in East St. Louis, IL. During the stop, the vehicle fled from ESLPD officers, struck a raised concrete median and became disabled at the intersection of 25<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Clair Avenue. Officers approached the vehicle and found the driver deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

This investigation is open and ongoing. ISP is currently processing evidence and conducting interviews. Upon completion of the investigation, all evidence and facts will be submitted for review to the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office. No additional information is available at this time.

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