



COTTONWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On Thursday, June 21, at about 1251 Cottonwood Police Department Communications Center received a call from an employee at Credit Union West stating they had just been robbed at gunpoint. The employee gave a description of the suspect as possibly a white male with a black handkerchief on his face, a black hat, gray hoodie and camouflage pants. The suspect had brandished a shotgun during the robbery. He left the bank with an undetermined amount of cash. The suspect ran from the bank, northbound on Sawmill Road. Cottonwood Police Department officers responded to the area to search for the suspect.

Officers set up perimeters and continued to search for the suspect on foot while receiving occasional calls from citizens as to the suspect location.

At about 1:11 pm, the communications center was contacted by a citizen who stated that a man with a rifle had jumped over the fence into his yard in the 100 block of S. 18th Street near Mingus Avenue. He stated the subject was tall with a shaved head, no shirt, and carrying a backpack. Officers responded to the area.

Officers observed the suspect running in a field near the 2200 block of East Mingus Avenue. As officers approached the suspect from across the field and gave him orders to show his hands, the suspect turned his shotgun on himself and took his own life. The suspect is a 38 year old male. His name is being withheld until notification of next of kin. An undisclosed amount of cash was discovered at the scene.

Further details will be released as the investigation continues.

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