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MEDIA ADVISORY – FEBRUARY 22, 2022

On Monday, February 21, 2022, at about 1:27 PM, the Boerne Police Department and other area law enforcement agencies received information about a suicidal subject who fled the area of Fredericksburg (Gillespie County) and was last seen heading enroute towards Boerne on FM 1376. The information passed to the officers was that the subject's family was able take a gun away from him before he drove away, however, they were not sure if he had any additional weapons.

The person involved has been identified as Brandon Cruz, 41, of Bexar County.

Deputies with the Kendall County Sheriff's Office attempted to stop Cruz in the 800 block of FM 1376; however, he refused to stop and was traveling in excess over 100 MPH. Kendall County deputies relayed to the Boerne Police Department that Cruz was heading towards the city limits of Boerne. Upon entering the city limits, one Boerne police officer and one Texas DPS trooper attempted to stop the vehicle, but Cruz once again refused to stop and continued driving at a high rate of speed down School Street to Johns Road, where officers lost sight of him. The officer and trooper remained in the area and attempted to look for Cruz and his vehicle. Shortly after, the DPS trooper in the area was flagged down by an unknown citizen who told them that Cruz's vehicle was behind the Carrington Place Apartment, 825 Johns Rd. Shortly after, the officer and trooper saw Cruz sitting in his vehicle and began to order him out. Cruz failed to comply with the orders and proceeded to rev his engine, backed up quickly, and crashed into the Boerne Police vehicle. The officer standing outside of his vehicle discharged his weapon, striking Cruz multiple times.

First responders performed life-saving measures, but Cruz was pronounced deceased at the scene by Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace Michele Van Stavern. No officers were injured. Next of kin has been notified.

The officer involved in the shooting has been identified as Corporal Cheyenne Weber, an 11-year veteran of the Boerne Police Department. Cpl. Weber has been placed on administrative duty as per policy pending the investigation by the Texas Rangers. At this time, neither the City of Boerne nor the Boerne Police Department will provide additional comment as the Texas Rangers investigation is underway.

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