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## Media Release

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### Shooting Death of 14-year old Boy

On Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 2014 hours, the Tuscarawas County Sheriff 911 Center received a 911 call from an 11-year old girl who reported that her 14-year old brother shot himself in the head. The call took place on Tabor Ridge Rd. NE (a Mineral City Address). The Mineral City Fire Department responded and transported the juvenile to Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital and was then flown to Akron Children's Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

Deputies from the Sheriff's Office arrived on scene and immediately took over CPR attempts. CPR had initially been started by the 11-year-old caller with instructions from the 911 dispatcher and then were taken over by an adult family member when one arrived on scene. The 14-year old, the 11-year old female caller and another 9-year old male sibling were the only one's home at the time of the shooting as the adults had gone to Union Hospital some time before for some medical care that resulted from a crash earlier that day. The 14-year old reportedly lived in the Tabor Ridge home while the other two siblings lived in Malvern.

Uniformed Deputies secured and photographed the scene and secured the weapon until Sheriff Campbell, Detective Lt. Adam Fisher and Detective Sergeant Ryan Hamilton (Evidence Technician) arrived on scene and took over the investigation.

Preliminary statements indicate a scenario where the 14-year-old victim was playing with the gun. More investigation is under way as some family members were not able to be interviewed due to them leaving for the hospital in Dover and then in Akron.

Lieutenant Fisher will be heading up this investigation.

Sheriff Orvis L. Campbell