INCIDENT AT THE NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE

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- At 5:18 p.m. PST, an unidentified male failed to stop at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) security gate at Mercury, Nevada.
- Both NNSS Security Protective Force Officers (SPOs) and Nye County Sheriff’s Office (NCSO) took up pursuit.
- After driving approximately eight (8) miles past the security gate, the individual came to a stop, exited his car and approached the SPOs and NCSO with a cylindrical object in-hand.
- The suspect refused to adhere to verbal commands of both NCSO and the SPOs on scene.
- When the suspect approached the officers, he was fired upon by both NCSO and a SPO.
- The suspect died at the scene.
- There were no injuries to Protective Force SPOs or Nye County officers as a result of the engagement.
- The FBI has been notified.

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