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On March 17, 2019, at approximately 10:30 pm, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence in Lake Panasoffkee in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, deputies attempted to make contact with a 61 yr. old, white, male. The suspect refused to cooperate with deputies firing a round out the front door of the residence. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office SWAT was notified and responded along with hostage negotiators. Negotiators attempted contact with suspect; however, he refused to communicate with deputies.

The suspect then fired several rounds from inside his residence at members of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office SWAT team striking our SWAT vehicle multiple times. Upon firing on law enforcement he then turned the gun on himself. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene from a self-inflicted gun-shot wound.

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