

## **Sheriff's Office Reports One Dead After Shooting Incident**

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Birkenfeld, Ore. – At about 1:06 a.m., the Columbia County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a reported shooting in the Birkenfeld area, a rural location in northwest Columbia County near the Clatsop County line. Responding deputies and officers found one person dead at the scene.

Law enforcement from the sheriff's office, the Oregon State Police and the City of Clatskanie responded. The first responding officer arrived at 1:39 a.m.

The sheriff's office has activated the Columbia County Major Crimes Team. Investigators from the sheriff's office, the Oregon State Police, the Scappoose Police Department, the St. Helens Police Department and the Rainier Police Department are currently in the very preliminary stages of their investigation. They do not believe there is any ongoing threat to the community.

No other details are being released at this time.