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# Officer-Involved Shooting Under Investigation

On Monday evening, August 17, 2026, at approximately 7:30 p.m., a Yavapai-Apache Police Department (YAPD) officer responded to a reported domestic violence incident on the Yavapai-Apache Nation's Clarkdale Reservation lands.

Upon arrival, the responding officer encountered an adult male armed with a large knife. The officer ordered the individual to drop the knife, and the individual withdrew toward the residence. Additional YAPD officers and officers from the Clarkdale Police Department subsequently arrived to assist.

The individual later re-emerged from the residence armed with the knife and began advancing toward officers. Officers issued repeated commands for the individual to drop the weapon. A Clarkdale Police Department officer deployed a Taser in an attempt to stop the individual, but the less-lethal device was ineffective.

The individual continued advancing toward officers while armed with the knife. A Yavapai-Apache Police Department officer then discharged his service weapon, firing two shots. One round struck the individual in the shoulder area.

Officers immediately provided first aid at the scene. Verde Valley Fire and Medical personnel responded and transported the individual to a local hospital for medical treatment.

No Yavapai-Apache Police Department or Clarkdale Police Department officers were injured during the incident.

The officer-involved shooting is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Yavapai-Apache Nation is cooperating with the investigation and will provide additional information as it becomes available and can appropriately be released.

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