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Death Investigation

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At approximately 9:04 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2026, Citrus Heights Police officers responded to 6041 Sunrise Mall regarding a report of an unresponsive individual inside of a parked vehicle.

Officers arrived on scene and located an adult male in the driver's seat of his vehicle, deceased, with a gunshot wound to the chest. The Sacramento Metro Fire Department also responded, and the male was pronounced deceased.

Citrus Heights Police detectives and Crime Scene Investigators responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. Based on the preliminary investigation, the manor of death has been determined to be suicide. At this time, investigators believe this to be an isolated incident.

The identity of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin by the Sacramento County Coroner's Office.

Anyone who may have witnessed suspicious activity in the area prior to the incident or who has information that may assist investigators is encouraged to contact the Citrus Heights Police Department at 916-727-5865.

Anyone experiencing emotional distress or thoughts of suicide is encouraged to seek immediate assistance by calling or texting 988, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, where trained counselors are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.