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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Trooper-Involved Shooting Ends in the Death of Gun-Wielding Woman

(WASILLA, Alaska) – Yesterday, Feb. 3, 2009, at approximately 6:32 p.m., a 911 caller reported to Mat-Com that a woman had fired a handgun inside a medical facility near mile 8 of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway. The caller stated the woman was outside of the office and trying to reenter the facility. It was reported that the woman still had the handgun.

All troopers on duty in the Valley were dispatched to the scene as it was an active-shooter call. One officer from the Wasilla Police Department also responded to assist. Troopers contacted the woman and directed her to drop the firearm. The woman repeatedly refused to comply with the troopers directions. The woman continued to make threatening statements and motions. Two troopers on scene fired their service weapons. As a result of the shooting, the woman died on scene. No one else was injured during the standoff.

The woman is identified as 38-year old Debra L. Torrey of Wasilla. Her next of kin have been notified.

This incident is under investigation by the Alaska Bureau of Investigation (ABI). The troopers directly involved in the shooting are on administrative leave for three days, as per department policy. At the conclusion of the leave, their names will be released to the public.