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Trooper Took Appropriate Action during Tanacross Incident

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska)– An investigation conducted by the Alaska Bureau of Investigation into the shooting of Shane McDonald this past June revealed the actions taken by Trooper James "Mike" Wilcox of Delta Junction were justified according to state law and department policy.

The Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals within the Department of Law and the Alaska State Trooper Director's office determined that Trooper Wilcox took appropriate action. Criminal and internal investigations occur following all trooper-involved shootings and are standard procedure.

Trooper Wilcox responded with other troopers after a violent assault in Tanacross was reported on June 22, 2010. McDonald was identified as the perpetrator of the incident and was shot one time by Trooper Wilcox after McDonald pointed his firearm at troopers.

****OTHER RELEASES REFERENCING INCIDENT****

Man Arrested on Assault Charges after Hospital Discharge

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – On August 4, 2010 at 10:31 am, Shane McDonald was arrested on an outstanding \$100,000 warrant by the Alaska Bureau of Investigation after he was discharged from the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. McDonald is charged with one count of Assault 2nd Degree (DV), two counts of Assault 3rd Degree (Police Officer) and one count of Assault 4th Degree (DV).

Trooper at Scene of Tanacross Shooting Identified

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – During AST's response to a report of an attempted domestic violence strangulation of a woman in Tanacross on June 22/23, 2010, four troopers responded to the village. They attempted to diffuse what ultimately became a stand-off with the armed man. The trooper who used deadly force was Trooper Mike Wilcox, of Delta Junction Post, Alaska State Troop

Trooper-involved Shooting followed Domestic Violence Call in Tanacross

(TANACROSS, Alaska) – Last night at approximately 10:00, Troopers from Tok responded to the community of Tanacross after a domestic violence incident was reported. Complainants reported that a man had assaulted and strangled a family member. After the initial incident, the man reportedly confronted a second individual in the community with a firearm.

When Troopers arrived in Tanacross, the suspect fled into the woods. Additional troopers from Tok and Delta Junction were called in as back-up. Troopers located the suspect barricaded inside his residence. When troopers attempted to contact him, the man

threatened troopers' lives. The Northern Special Emergency Reaction Team (SERT) was then activated and summoned to assist with the barricaded suspect.

While troopers were on scene waiting for Northern SERT and attempting to negotiate with the suspect, he came out of his home brandishing a firearm and a knife. The suspect was subsequently shot. He has been transported to Providence Hospital in Anchorage to be treated.

As the suspect has not yet been charged with a crime, his name is being withheld. The suspect's prognosis is unknown at this time. Per Department Policy, the name(s) of the trooper(s) involved in the shooting will not be released for three days. The trooper(s) will be placed on administrative leave during that time, also per department policy.

The Alaska State Troopers' Alaska Bureau of Investigation is investigating the circumstances surrounding this incident. There is no further information for the public or the media at this time.