



# Press Release

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## Joint Media Release Gregg County Sheriff's Office and Kilgore Police Department / Hwy 31 Shooting

Kilgore, TX -- On Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at approximately 10:16am Kilgore Police Department and Gregg County Sheriff's Office Communication Centers received multiple calls regarding a shooting and a man with a gun. Officers from both agencies as well as Texas DPS responded to the call, a residence at 1922 Hwy 31 West, Kilgore, Gregg County, Texas. As the first officer arrived, a female gunshot victim was located in a vehicle at the residence. Information was established the suspect had fled into a wooded area and was still armed. Initial responding officers encountered the armed suspect on a bridge just east of the residence on State Highway 31. The suspect, armed with an assault rifle, refused to respond officer commands. A short standoff ensued. After the suspect fired his weapon, he was shot by officers from the Kilgore Police Department and Gregg County Sheriff's Office.

The female victim, found deceased, was identified as Elizabeth Ann Vinson, 32 year of age, of Kilgore, Texas. The male suspect, also deceased, was identified as Randy Ray Vinson, 37 years of age, of Kilgore, Texas. Both individuals were pronounced dead at the scene by Gregg County Justice of the Peace Pct. 3, Talyna Carlson. Both bodies were sent to Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas, Texas for autopsy.

Investigation is ongoing. Texas Ranger Todd Martin is the case agent regarding the investigation and a team of four Texas Rangers are assigned to the case. Investigators with Kilgore Police and Gregg County Sheriff's Office are assisting with the investigation. In accordance with each departments' policy, officers involved in the shooting will be placed on administrative leave.

The public and media will be notified as additional information becomes available.

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