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Heyburn Police Department Responds to Gun Shots

One deceased from self-inflicted gunshot wound.

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Officers from the Heyburn Police Department responded to a welfare check near 21st Street in Heyburn, in which a person fired a gun from inside the residence shortly after the officer's arrival. Officers attempted to contact the resident, who failed to respond despite multiple attempts. Law enforcement treated the incident as a potential standoff and took precautions to evacuate the area and surrounding homes for the interest in public safety. Tactical teams from Cassia County Sheriff's Office and the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office responded to assist the Heyburn Police Department. When officers made entry into the residence, they found a single male occupant inside who was deceased of what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The Heyburn Police Department encourages those who are mentally struggling to utilize the National Suicide Prevention Hotline, 988 and wants the public to know there are resources available to them locally as well including PAUSE Mini-Cassia in Burley and the Crisis Center in Twin Falls.

The Heyburn Police Department appreciates the cooperation and assistance from our partners in Cassia County and Minidoka County to keep our community safe. The Heyburn Police Department also appreciates the community's patience as precautions were taken to keep our community safe from potential harm.

Out of respect for the family, we will not release the victim's name.

Police Chief, Ryan Bertalotto.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the victim on this tragic night. Suicide is an epidemic that has affected too many Idahoans. It's okay to seek help, and we encourage those who are struggling to use resources that are available.”

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