



KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
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NEWS RELEASE

On March 9, 2016 at 1 pm the Kent County Sheriff Department received a call that a bull was running loose on a farm in the Cascade Road / Morse Lake area. The caller, a neighbor to the farmer that owns the bull went to check on the farmer and discovered the bull running loose and he located the farmer on the ground. Since the bull was acting very aggressive he backed away and waited for deputies to arrive.

Two of our deputies located the animal in the driveway and one of them used their patrol car to block it in. Neither one of them were able to get close to the victim so they decided to shoot the animal with their cruiser rifles.

Between the two deputies they fired 33 rounds, striking the animal each time. The animal was agitated but eventually dropped to the ground. At that point they were able to check on the victim who was lying motionless this whole time.

The victim was a 71 year old male. He was deceased due to massive injuries he sustained from the animal.

It appears that he was trying to corral the animal before it attacked him. The bull broke through a fenced in area on the farm that has electric fencing.

Victim's name will not be released until family can be notified.