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## Navajo Police involved in high-speed pursuit, two suspects dead



Navajo Police were involved in a high-speed chase from Cortez, Colo. to Shiprock, which left two suspects dead and another arrested. (Photo by Rick Abasta)

SHIPROCK, N.M.—A high-speed chase from Cortez, Colo. and ending in Shiprock, N.M. ended with two suspects dead.

San Juan County Sheriff's Department, Navajo Police, N.M. State Police and other agencies were involved in a high-speed pursuit from Cortez, Colo. to Shiprock.

The incident occurred before noon. Police officers from San Juan County Sheriff's Department tried to pull over the suspects' vehicle, a black Nissan Pathfinder, when they were fired upon.

The chase eventually ended in Shiprock, when the suspects traveled down a dead street. A male and

female suspect were found dead in the vehicle and a third passenger, a male, fled the scene but was arrested before 1 p.m.

Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly commended the swift response by officers and said he was relieved no innocent people were hurt in the incident.

It is unclear whether police shot and killed the suspects or if they took their own lives in a murder-suicide.

The case is under investigation and the FBI is taking the lead.