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NAVAJO POLICE OFFICER HOUSTON JAMES LARGO PASSES AWAY FROM CRITICAL INJURY

ALBUQUERQUE-The FBI Albuquerque Division issued a media update stating that Officer Houston James Largo, 27, has passed away today from critical injuries incurred from being shot early Sunday morning.

Officer Largo was responding to a domestic violence call near Prewitt, N.M., on the Navajo Nation. The officer was taken to the University of New Mexico (UNM) Hospital in Albuquerque where he passed away at approximately 3 p.m.

Largo was a decorated officer who had served with the Navajo Nation Police Department for four years and six months. He was from Thoreau, N.M. and served with the Crownpoint District.

A suspect has been taken into custody. The FBI said the case remains under investigation.

“One of the most trying times I have in serving as President of the Navajo Nation is when I get word that one of our police officers has had their life taken needlessly,” President Begaye said. “It brings to mind the situations our officers face every day in responding to calls, getting in their unit and putting their lives on the line. It must be difficult for family members to know their loved ones might not return.”

Vice President Jonathan Nez said that police officers deserve respect for serving at the utmost in their line of duty.

“We need to reestablish teaching respect for authority throughout our tribal community. Our Navajo Nation police officers risk their lives everyday to protect our communities. Officer Largo is a great example of an officer who paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect the life of another. We salute Largo and his service to the Navajo Nation.”

President Begaye also called for continued support of police officers who are protecting the Navajo Nation.

“We give our condolences to the family of Officer Largo and we will hold them up in prayer. We will support you. Our nation mourns for you as does the country,” President Begaye said. “Our officer’s lives are precious. They are the ones who stand guard over our nation and protect us.”

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