The New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau was contacted by the McKinley County Sheriff’s Office to investigate a police shooting involving a McKinley County Sheriff’s Deputy March 2.

State Police Investigations Bureau agents learned that at around 11:30 pm, March 1, a McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy responded to the Flying J gas station located on Interstate 40 near mile post 39 for a call of a disorderly man. The deputy arrived to find the man on the westbound off ramp to Interstate 40 at around mile post 39.

During the encounter with the individual, the deputy fired his weapon and struck the individual. The man was transported by ambulance to an area hospital where he is believed to have non-life-threatening injuries. The deputy was uninjured.

Many details of this incident are still under investigation including the details of the encounter that lead up to the shooting and the details of the shooting, State Police Officer Ray Wilson stated in a news release.

Undersheriff James Maiorano said the sheriff's department is limited on what information they can release to the public.

"We can't we give you further than what [State Police] give out" he said. "State Police is handling the investigation from start to finish."

The identities of those involved in this incident will not be released until interviews are complete.

This incident remains under investigation by the New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau and Crime Scene Team.

