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Silver City, NM - The New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau was requested to investigate an Officer Involved Shooting in Silver City involving the Silver City Police Department on Oct. 27.

State Police Investigations Bureau agents learned that at about 3 pm on Oct. 27, Silver City Police Department officers attempted to serve an outstanding arrest warrant for burglary on Trevor Franco, 32, near the Hillside Apartments located at 2545 N. Silver St.

As officers approached Franco, he ran inside his house located at 2602 Yucca St. Officers obtained a search warrant for the residence. When officers entered the residence Franco was holding a knife to a woman’s neck.

During the encounter, an officer with the Silver City Police Department allegedly fired his duty firearm at least once, hitting and injuring Franco. He was taken to an area hospital and ultimately airlifted to an El Paso, Texas hospital. His current condition is not known.

Upon his release from the hospital, Franco will be booked on the charges of kidnapping, aggravated battery on a household member with a deadly weapon, aggravated battery on a household member by strangulation, assault on a household member with intent to commit a violent felony, and resisting an officer.

The New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau agents are working to independently determine the series of events leading to the shooting, including collecting evidence and conducting interviews. Throughout the process, investigative findings will be shared with the district attorney for their review and consideration.

The New Mexico State Police acts solely as factfinders in its cases and does not determine whether the actions of an officer were justified in these types of matters. That decision rests with the district attorney's office. This incident remains under investigation by the New Mexico State Police.

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