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Suicide

At approximately 08:50AM this morning a Sarasota Sheriff's Deputy made a routine traffic stop on SR-681, east of US-41. During the stop, the driver of the vehicle produced a handgun. The deputy took cover and attempted to start a dialogue with the driver. The driver then shot himself. The driver was transported to Venice Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The Sheriff's Office Forensics Unit and Criminal Investigation Detectives are investigating.