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### **UPDATE:** Individual Shot on Interstate 10

Yesterday at approximately 10:20 a.m. Leon County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the report of a person being shot on the west bound side of Interstate 10 around the Baum Road overpass. When the deputies arrived they located several individuals on the side of Interstate 10 and one had a gunshot wound to his chest/abdomen. The group contracts with the State of Florida Department of Transportation to pick up waste on the side of the interstate.

As the members of the group were picking up waste one of the members found an abandoned handgun in the ditch. He retrieved the handgun which was loaded. During the handling of the handgun it discharged and struck the individual in the chest/abdomen. At this point it is unclear who was in possession of the handgun when it discharged.

Detectives are continuing the investigation to determine the exact circumstances surrounding the incident. The investigation has revealed the pistol was reported stolen to Okaloosa Sheriff's Office.



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