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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION: SUSPECT DEAD FROM SELF-INFLICTED GUNSHOT WOUND

Late Tuesday evening, the U.S. Marshals Task Force and Gulf County Sheriff's Deputies observed murder suspect Stephen Michael Smith in a vehicle traveling west on U.S. Highway 98 in Gulf County. Officers stopped the vehicle at the intersection of Ivy Road and U.S. Highway 98 in Parker to apprehend Smith. With the vehicle surrounded by law enforcement, Smith immediately placed a pistol to his head and committed suicide.

The scene was secured and the Bay County Sheriff's Office is conducting an investigation into the incident.

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