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At approximately 0927hrs today (02/10/2012), the Dickinson Police Department was contacted by a staff member of Dickinson State University (DSU) regarding concerns over the welfare of a professor who had uncharacteristically missed a meeting. Due to the normally punctual nature of the subject the concern for his welfare was heightened.

Officers responded to the residence of the staff member located in the 600 block of 9th Ave West in close proximity of the college campus. An investigation at the residence revealed that the subject in question had apparently left his residence on foot leaving his identification and cellular phone behind. It was also determined that a large caliber rifle was also missing from the residence. The subject was last seen by a passer-by walking in a north easterly direction toward the Rocky Butte Park area at approximately 0800hrs this morning (02/10/2012).

Due to the fact that the individual may have been armed and possibly distraught, precautions of sheltering in place at the DSU campus and other schools in the vicinity were taken. South West Tactical Team members were also activated and placed on precautionary stand –by.

At approximately 1323hrs (02/10/2012) the body of the missing professor, 59yoa Douglas Laplante, was found just north of the intersection of 7th Ave West and 6th St. Laplante had succumb to an apparent single self inflicted gunshot wound and was pronounced dead on scene. No one else is involved in or being sought in this case.

Release Prepared By Captain Joe Cianni