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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Date/Time:** 01-23-23 @ 1230 Hours  
**Contact:** Chief Deputy Dusty Breen  
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**Release #:** 1

### **Mineral Area Death Investigation.**

Detectives are investigating the death of a Mineral man occurring on Sunday evening. At about 9:40 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a report of a shooting occurring on residential property in the 100 block of Washington Street, Mineral. Upon responding they located a deceased 58 year old male of Mineral.

As a result of the initial investigation and interviews, detectives arrested 52 year old Michelle Leanne Steffens of Mineral. Steffens was booked into the Lewis County Jail for Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. There is not believed to be any outstanding suspects, or ongoing concern for public safety as a result of this investigation.

Due to the nature of the investigation, no further information is being released at this time. An autopsy will be scheduled, and further information regarding the decedent, to include cause and manner of death, will be released by the Lewis County Coroner's Office when appropriate. Anyone having possible information on the incident are encouraged to call the Lewis County Sheriff's Office at (360) 748-9286, or Lewis County Communications at (360) 740-1105.

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Being a committed community partner, providing professional service to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life in Lewis County.