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Law enforcement authorities are investigating the death of a Dakota City woman.

According to Humboldt County Sheriff Dean Kruger, on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 4:43 p.m., the department received a call from Patrick McPherren, 201 4th St. S., Dakota City.

When law enforcement authorities arrived, they discovered a female suffering from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. The female was later identified as Pamela Shadle, 48, of 201 4th St. S., Dakota City.

Humboldt County Medical Examiner Mike Sexe was called in, and he pronounced Shadle deceased at the residence.

The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) was called in to assist the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) to determine if foul play was involved.

An autopsy on Shadle's body was performed by the State Medical Examiner's Office in Ankeny on Thursday, Jan. 15. No results from the autopsy have been released.

An investigation into the matter is continuing, led by the HCSO, with assistance from the DCI, Humboldt Police Department and Humboldt County Attorney's Office.

"No official ruling has been made in the death," Sheriff Kruger reported Monday.

In a matter unrelated to Shadle's death, on Jan. 14, the HCSO arrested Patrick McPherren and charged him with interference with official acts and assault.

In other news this past week, on Jan. 14, Robert Allen King, 30, Algona, was arrested on a Humboldt County warrant for fifth degree theft.

On Sunday, Jan. 18, Nut's Landing, a tavern in Rutland, reported a burglary.