Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: **Santa Rosa Police Department** Case #: **SR220008672.0**

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Incident Information

Date/Time Reported: **07/29/2022 1042**	Occurred: **07/29/2022 1042**
Location: **965 SONOMA AV , SANTA ROSA CA 95404**	
UCR Status:	Officer: **Rantissi, Gino 1060545**

Summary: Deputies from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office were involved in an officer involved shooting. The critical incident protocol was invoked.

Related Cases: No Associated Cases

Charges

Statute: **000 - 000 - AGENCY ASSIST**		Attempted/Completed: **COMPLETED**
Classification: NIBRS Non Reportable Local Code	Weapon:	
Location:		

Offenders

Name (Last, First Middle): **CHAVEZ, DAVID PELAIZ**	DOB: [redacted]	Age/Race/Gender: **36/Hispanic/Male**	Height/Weight: **5'04"/130**
Address: [redacted] Windsor CA 95492			[redacted]
Employer/School: -			
Offender of: 000			

Others Involved

Inv Type: **Other**	Name (Last, First Middle): **DIETRICK, MICHAEL**	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender: **/O/Male**	Height/Weight: **/0**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF`S OFFICE - 2796 VENTURA AVE				
Inv Type: **Other**	Name (Last, First Middle): **POWERS, ANTHONY**	DOB:	Age/Race/Gender: **//Male**	Height/Weight: **/**
Address: ,				
Employer/School: SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF - 2796 Ventura Ave Santa Rosa CA 95403				(707) 565-2511

Narrative

INITIAL NARRATIVE
Written by: **Rantissi, Gino 1060545**
Date/Time: **08/23/2022 07:25:00**

INVESTIGATION:

CRITICAL INCIDENT INVOLVING SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SCSO CASE NUMBER 220729008)

On Friday, July 29, 2022, at approximately 1030 hours, Sergeant Matthies advised the Violent Crimes Investigations unit of a critical incident that occurred in the unincorporated area of Healdsburg, CA. The incident involved two deputies from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. During the critical incident, we learned that a suspect had been shot by a deputy sheriff and declared dead. VCI detectives assumed the lead role in this investigation as the Critical Incident Protocol had been invoked.

VCI detectives met at the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office where we were briefed by SCSO Sergeant Berg and other SCSO administrators. I learned that at approximately 0824 hours, deputies responded to [redacted] Tre Monte Lane on a report of a suspicious circumstance. The reporting party was a resident who reported that an unknown male, later identified as David Pelaez Chavez, had arrived onto their property and threw a rock through their window. The reporting party added that Pelaez was confronted by her father who fired warning shots at Pelaez and chased him off the property.

As the suspect fled, he stole a gardener's vehicle and drove through numerous neighboring properties, ramming through and destroying numerous gates. Ultimately, Pelaez crashed the stolen vehicle in a ditch and fled on foot towards another residence at [redacted] Tre Monte Lane.

While trespassing onto that property, Pelaez confronted the homeowner. During his confrontation with this homeowner, Pelaez asked the homeowner to kill him. For a second time, Pelaez was steered off the property after this homeowner brandished a firearm at him.

During this time, Deputy Dietrick (E21) arrived on Tre Monte Lane and spoke with a homeowner who reported the vandalism and vehicle theft. In addition to those crimes, Deputy Dietrick was also aware that Pelaez had trespassed onto another property on Tre Monte Lane and fled in the eastbound direction through the thick, rural hillscape.

Deputy Powers (E35) arrived on scene to assist Deputy Dietrick. The two deputies began searching for Pelaez and traveled towards the 5600 block of Thomas Road. While searching the area east of Thomas Road, Deputy Dietrick and Deputy Powers were notified by a ranch-hand that Pelaez had stolen a side-by-side ATV from their property and had driven it east on Thomas Road. Ultimately, the deputies located the ATV unoccupied and stuck in between trees with the engine still running.

Deputy Dietrick and Deputy Powers proceeded to track Pelaez up and down numerous hillsides and into a creek bed with dense vegetation, steep hills and rough terrain. The deputies had seen Pelaez several times from distance but did not make close contact.

After traveling approximately one and a half miles through the terrain, Deputy Dietrick ultimately made contact with Pelaez, who was in possession of a hammer and hand-held plowing tool. Deputy Dietrick gave Pelaez commands to drop the items but Pelaez appeared to not comply. When Pelaez appeared to pick up a boulder to throw towards Deputy Dietrick, an officer involved shooting occurred.

The scene was processed by SRPD FET Brady and FET A. Fix. The Marin County Sheriff's Office responded to resume custody of Pelaez.

Numerous witnesses were interviewed, and home security video was obtained. This investigation is ongoing.

DISPOSITION:

Case pending.