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Suspect and Officers Exchange Gunfire During Standoff

Keyes, CA- Officers and a wanted suspect exchanged gunfire during a afternoon standoff in a rural part of Stanislaus County just north of the City of Turlock. Officers and Detectives from multiple law enforcement agencies were conducting follow-up investigations of an incident early Wednesday morning where a suspect shot at a Ceres Police Officer. During that investigation, Detectives identified Jorge Mendoza (DOB-12/04/85) as the suspect involved in the shooting.

Today, the investigation led officers to a house in the 5500 block of Geer Road, where they believed Mendoza was hiding. As officers approached the house, Mendoza exited with a firearm and shot at officers. Multiple officers from different agencies returned gunfire, hitting Mendoza an unknown number of times. No officers were hurt or injured during the shooting. Mendoza retreated back in to the house as officers moved back for safety. A short time later the Mendoza called 911 and told dispatches the he wanted to surrender to officers. Mendoza surrendered and was taken to a local Modesto hospital for treatment for his injuries. Mendoza's condition is unknown at this time.

SWAT Team members from several agencies checked the house and a nearby barn for any other possible suspects or bystanders, but none were located. Several nearby homes were evacuated for the safety of the residents. Those residents have returned to their homes.

The agencies assisting in this investigation include:

Ceres Police Department
Modesto Police Department
Turlock Police Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
California Highway Patrol

Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department
Stanislaus County Probation Department
Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office
California State Parole

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