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MEDIA RELATIONS



**NEWS RELEASE
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Deputies Arrest Two People After A Passing Vehicle Shoots Gun Near Deputy

MODESTO, CA- Sheriff's deputies arrested two females after they are believed to have fired several rounds from a handgun near a deputy who was on a pedestrian stop. The incident occurred about 4:45 this morning when a Sheriff's deputy stopped to talk to a 25-year-old male in the 1000 block of South 9th Street in Modesto. While the deputy was talking to the male subject a vehicle slowly drove by and yelled at the male subject. The male told the deputy that the people inside the vehicle were family members who lived in a nearby motel. The vehicle drove away and a few minutes later returned. As the vehicle approached the deputy he heard several shot being fired. Then the subjects in the vehicle quickly drove away.

The deputy let the male subject he had stopped go, and attempted to follow the vehicle. Officers from Modesto Police, Ceres Police, and the California Highway Patrol responded to the area to assist in the search for the vehicle. Deputies also went to the Budget Inn on South 9th Street, which was the motel the suspects in the vehicle were living at. While watching the motel, the suspect vehicle pulled into the parking lot. As deputies attempted to contact the occupants, they ran into one of the rooms. The motel was evacuated and officers and S.W.A.T. team members surrounded the room. Deputies gave verbal command to the occupants of the room to surrender. After three hours of talking to the suspects, two females exited the room and were taken into custody.

Sheena Taylor 11/24/1976 and Leeann Warner 08/25/1976 both of Modesto were arrested and booked for assault on a peace officer with a firearm, ex-felon in possession of a firearm, lynching, and criminal conspiracy. They are being held at the Public Safety Center jail with a bail of \$100,000.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Detective Marc Nuno at (209) 525-7081. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 and be eligible for a cash reward.

For information regarding this press release please contact Deputy Royjindar Singh (209) 652-6597.

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