

Stanislaus County
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MEDIA RELATIONS



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District Attorney Files Criminal Charges Against Jorge Alberto Mendoza

Modesto, CA- On February 4, 2011 at approximately 4:45 PM detectives from various local law enforcement agencies received information that Jorge Alberto Mendoza was hiding in a residence in the 5600 block of Geer Road between Hughson and Turlock. Mendoza was wanted by Ceres Police for felony charges involving assault on a peace officer and was considered armed and dangerous.

As law enforcement personnel surrounded the property, Mendoza emerged from the residence armed with a gun and fired upon officers. Officers returned fire hitting Mendoza once in the abdomen. Mendoza retreated inside and later surrendered telling officers he was wounded. Mendoza was transported to an undisclosed hospital where he is listed in critical but stable condition. No officers or bystanders were injured during the incident.

Four officers from the Turlock Police Department, two officers from the Ceres Police Department, one officer from the Modesto Police Department and an Investigator from the District Attorney's office returned fire when fired upon by Mendoza. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department detectives are investigating the shooting. Other law enforcement agencies involved are conducting their own respective parallel administrative investigations which are routine when officers discharge their firearms.

The Stanislaus County District Attorney's office has filed multiple felony counts of attempted murder of a peace officer and assault with a deadly weapon. Mendoza is a convicted felon and has previously been deported.

Further inquires regarding the individual officers involved should be directed to their respective law enforcement agencies. All other inquires should be directed to the Stanislaus County District Attorney's office.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact:

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(209) 525-7083

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