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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING OF SUSPECT WHO BRANDISHED WEAPON, SR-49 NORTH OF DOWNIEVILLE

Incident: # 12-01042

PRESS RELEASE

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Early Sunday at around 2:00 o'clock in the morning the Nevada County Sheriff's Office notified the Sierra County Sheriff's Office to "BOLO" (be-on-the-lookout) for a suspect vehicle that had just been involved in an incident in their county involving threats and the brandishing of a weapon in the Town of North San Juan along SR-49. A Sierra County deputy sheriff on patrol located the suspect vehicle driving northbound on SR-49, south of the Town of Goodyears Bar a short while later. The deputy sheriff attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle. The suspect vehicle instead failed to yield and accelerated through the Town of Downieville at high speeds. Several miles north of Downieville the suspect vehicle stopped and threatened the deputy sheriff. The deputy sheriff fired their duty weapon striking the suspect. The deputy sheriff was not injured and there were no passengers in the suspect vehicle. The suspect is recovering in hospital and is awaiting arrest on felony charges, presumably in both counties upon his release. The name of the suspect is pending further investigation. Per protocol, currently the name of the involved deputy sheriff also is not being released. Any one who witnessed the suspect's fleeing and reckless driving in Sierra County is requested to please contact Undersheriff Jim Concannon or Sheriff John Evans. Any one with information regarding the precipitating events in North San Juan is requested to contact Captain of Detectives Shannan Moon of the Nevada County Sheriff's Office at 265-7880. Anonymous information can always be left for the sheriff toll free by calling (888) 2-SHERIFF or (888) 274-3743, which is a confidential voice message received only by Sheriff Evans.

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