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Media Release: August 16, 2018 Aptos Shooting and Standoff

DATE / TIME: August 15, 2018 at 5:44 PM **CASE #:** 18-06956
LOCATION: 100 block of Santa Cruz Ave., Aptos
SUSPECT: Ralph Millar, 57 years old, Aptos Resident



At about 5:44 p.m. on Wednesday, Sheriff's deputies responded to a shooting at a home in the 100 block of Santa Cruz Ave. in Aptos. The victim reported that Ralph Millar, a neighbor, broke into her home and began shooting and they needed help. Deputies rescued two women from the home. One woman was shot and flown to a trauma center where she is in stable condition. The other woman was not shot and was released from medical care at the scene.

Following the shooting, Millar returned to his home and refused to surrender. Sheriff's deputies and officers from the Santa Cruz Police Department, California Highway Patrol and State Parks contained the area and evacuated residents near Millar's home. As the incident continued, the Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics Team responded, and crisis negotiators have been in contact with Millar throughout the night. Millar is in possession of a firearm and has threatened to harm himself or others. Deputies are working to safely resolve this incident without the loss of life.

Detectives continue to investigate the reasons leading to the shooting. Early information points to a misunderstanding or dispute that began in late June involving one of the victims.

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