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Suspect Arrested in Boulder Creek Stabbing

Cases – 17-04923

Date of Incident – June 14th at about 5:39 pm

Location – 26000 block of Highway 9, Boulder Creek

Person Arrested – Donald Horan, 73 years old from Boulder Creek (Jail photo unavailable at time of release)

Charges – 245 PC (Assault with a deadly weapon)

Wednesday evening at about 5:39 pm, the Sheriff's Office received a 911 call regarding a person whom had been stabbed at a home in Boulder Creek. Through our investigation it was determined that during an argument, Donald Horan stabbed a member of his family multiple times. The adult victim was flown to a Bay area trauma center where he is in stable condition.

During this investigation, Horan was thought to be in possession of multiple firearms and he refused to comply with our orders for him to exit the home. Over the course of the next 20 hours, Deputies from our Office negotiated with Horan who had secluded himself in his bedroom. Deputies were eventually able to establish contact with Horan who exited the home and peacefully surrendered to Deputies outside at around 2 pm this afternoon. Following his arrest, Horan was evaluated by paramedics who were staged at the scene.

During this incident, we utilized training specifically focused on Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT). Reducing the need to use deadly force, upholding the sanctity of life, building community trust, and protecting officers from physical, emotional and legal harm are cornerstones of ICAT. Deputies utilized distance, assessment, protection and time which ultimately provided opportunity to utilize different non-lethal tactics to assist in gaining Horan's voluntary compliance. We are grateful for a peaceful resolution to this unfortunate event.

Prepared by: Sergeant Chris Clark /June 15, 2017

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