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## Media Release: April 7, 2021 Update: Suspect Identified in Officer Involved Shooting

Just after 10:50pm on April 6, 2021 deputies were investigating a suspicious vehicle at the 7900 Blk of Soquel Drive in Aptos. When contacting the two occupants, deputies recognized the driver to be 39-year-old Eli Burry of Soquel. While speaking with him, deputies noticed Burry was armed with a handgun.

As deputies were attempting to detain Burry, he fired one round from the firearm. One deputy also discharged their weapon several times striking Burry. The deputies immediately rendered medical aid and he was transported to a hospital where he is expected to survive. Several weapons were recovered at the scene, including the weapon Burry fired.

The deputies and passenger were not injured during the incident. The Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office is now investigating the Officer Involved Shooting. The names of the deputies involved and the body worn camera footage is expected to be released next week. The suspect is expected to face several charges for weapons violations and violent felonies.

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