

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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On January 19th 2012, at about 11:13 a.m., the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) received a request for emergency assistance from the Yuba County Sheriff's Office (YCSO).

YCSO Deputies were dispatched to the area of 7903 Reed Lane, Rackerby, for a report of a male subject, later identified as 49 year old David Lewis, discharging a firearm and threatening to shoot people in the immediate area. 7903 Reed Lane is located in Yuba County's jurisdiction.

Deputies from BCSO, YCSO, and a California Highway Patrol helicopter responded to the area to attempt to locate Lewis. After about a three hour search for Lewis, BCSO Deputies were released by YCSO and returned to Butte County while YCSO Deputies continued their investigation.

At about 2:37 p.m., YCSO Dispatch re-contacted BCSO Dispatch and advised that Lewis was seen in the area of Provenza Dr. and Restive Dr., Oroville, which is located off of Forbestown Rd., in Butte County. Deputies from BCSO and a YCSO Deputy responded to the area.

Prior to the arrival of BCSO personnel, Lewis was located by the YCSO Deputy. It was learned that the YCSO Deputy discharged his weapon at Lewis prior to taking him into custody. Lewis was not struck by the gunfire but was taken to a hospital to be medically

cleared, prior to being booked into the Yuba County Jail. Lewis had an outstanding Felony warrant for his arrest and will be facing multiple fresh charges in Yuba County.

Although this incident did not meet the requirements for a full Officer Involved Shooting Protocol response, four BCSO Detectives, BCSO Crime Scene Investigators, and an investigator from the Butte County District Attorney's Office responded to investigate the incident which is ongoing. YCSO is conducting a separate investigation into the incident which led up to their deputy discharging his firearm.

It should be noted that no citizens or law enforcement personnel were injured during this incident. BCSO would like to thank the alert citizens who reported seeing Lewis which ultimately led to his arrest.