

# BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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On December 19, 2011 at approximately 7:50 pm the Butte County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from the residence at 15114 Jack Pine Way, Magalia. The caller, whose identity will not be made public at this time, reported that two suspects had broken into his residence. The caller further stated that he had armed himself and shot one of the suspects.

Deputies responded to the residence to investigate, locating a male inside who had been shot. Deputies administered CPR, but this proved unsuccessful and the subject was pronounced dead at the scene after Fire/Medical personnel arrived.

According to the reporting party, the two male suspects forced their way into the residence. The male resident and his mother retreated to the rear of the residence. The male armed himself and shot one of the intruders, killing him. The other suspect fled the scene in an unknown direction. The second suspect is described as a white male adult, 5'5" tall, stocky build with light colored hair.

The deceased intruder has been identified as **John Randolph Shanks III**, age 29 from Magalia. At the time of his death, Shanks was wanted by the Butte County Probation Department for failing to report after being released from the custody of the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation on November 14, 2011. When Shanks failed to report to the Probation Department to begin "Post Community Release Supervision" probation officers attempted to locate Shanks at his previously known addresses which had negative results. The Probation Department also issued a BOLO for Shanks to local law enforcement and was in the process of obtaining a warrant for his arrest.

The motive in this case is still under investigation, but does not appear to be drug related or a random act of violence.

Anyone with information regarding this case or the identity of the intruder who fled the scene is asked to call Det. Phil Wysocki at 530-538-7671.