BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MEDIA RELEASE

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This is an updated press release:

SHOOTING WITH MULTIPLE VICTIMS/ARRESTS MADE ON MAY 17, 2012

OROVILLE – On May 2 at 11:46 pm, sheriff's deputies responded to the report of a shooting victim at a residence on Columbia Ave., in Oroville. Upon arrival, deputies contacted three victims with gunshot wounds at the scene—a 16 year old male, a 17 year old male, and an 18 year old male. The 16 and 18 year old victims were taken to and treated at a local hospital with major injuries. The 17 year old declined medical treatment.

An investigation into the circumstances is ongoing and we are releasing the following details:
Multiple suspects shot into the house striking three individuals inside the residence. Several other persons inside the residence were not injured. A number of shots were fired into the residence. It is believed this is a gang-related incident, although we are not releasing any details regarding the motivation for the attack. The names of the victims are not being released out of concern for their safety.

*******************UPDATED PRESS RELEASE****************************

On May 17, 2012 detectives from the Butte County Sheriff's Office arrested Oroville residents Ger Vang (age 19), Paul Hue Thao (age 18) and a 17 year-old Asian male for the shooting that took place on May 2, 2012 on Columbia Avenue, Oroville. All three suspects

are being charged with attempted murder. The juvenile is being held without bail. The two adult suspects are being held at the Butte County Jail with a bail of $500,000.