

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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On July 10, 2011 at approximately 1358 hours the Butte County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a person reporting a female was in front of their residence saying she had been shot. Deputies responded to the scene and located a female victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the arm and back. Medical aid responded to the scene and the victim was taken to Enloe Hospital in Chico via Life Flight. Deputies were able to follow a blood trail which led them to the house at 2294 Stump Drive, Oroville. A male subject was located in front of the residence. Deputies detained the male subject, identified as Varn Saechao (DOB: 8/1/53) from Oroville. It was determined at the scene that the shooting took place inside of the residence at 2294 Stump Drive. Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators were called to the scene to take over the investigation.

It was determined that the victim had been stabbed in the face and then shot by her husband, Varn Saechao as she attempted to flee the residence. Varn Saechao was taken into custody and booked into the Butte County Jail, Oroville and charged with attempted murder. Varn Saechao's bail was set at \$500,000.