

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MEDIA RELEASE

JERRY W. SMITH
SHERIFF-CORONER



DATE : **September 1, 2010**

RELEASED BY : **Lieutenant John Kuhn**

On September 1, 2010, at approximately 9:25 am, Sergeant Bryan Marshall and Deputy Todd Reinhardt were conducting an eviction at 14122 Temple Circle in Magalia. After the deputies knocked on the door and did not receive an answer, a locksmith opened the front door of the residence. When the deputies started to enter the house, they were confronted by a man who appeared to be holding a shotgun. The deputies ordered the man to put the gun down, but he did not comply. The deputies backed out of the residence and attempted to get the occupant to talk with them. The occupant did not respond.

Additional deputies responded to the scene. With the help of Paradise Police Officers, the neighboring houses were evacuated and a perimeter was established around the house. The Butte County Sheriff's SWAT team was called out. The Butte County Interagency Bomb Squad also responded. Although communication over a loud speaker was attempted with the occupant, the occupant never responded.

At approximately 12:30 pm, a single gun shot was heard, originating from within the residence. Shortly thereafter, smoke started coming from the interior of the residence. Fire and Medical personnel were staged in the area. The Butte County Sheriff's SWAT team deployed tear gas into the residence. At 2:55 pm, a male subject later identified as Howard Adams (DOB: 10/28/47) exited the residence through the rear garage door. He was taken into custody without further incident.

The scene was turned over to Sheriff's Detectives. For further information on this case contact Sergeant Jason Hail at 538-7671.

After being medically cleared he was booked at the Butte County Jail on charges of 69 PC (resisting or deterring an officer) and 417(c) (brandishing a firearm in the presence of a peace officer) with a bail of \$100,000.00.

Sheriff Smith would like to thank the nearby residents for their cooperation and the other public safety agencies for their assistance.