

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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On September 19, 2011, at approximately 2333 hours, the Butte County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding two possible gunshot victims in the East Oroville area. Upon arrival, deputies located a white male adult and white female adult walking along the road with possible gunshot wounds to their heads. The victims were identified as Vincent Rex, age 45, of Oroville and Linda White, age 39, of Oroville. Medical aid was summoned and upon talking with the victims, they were less than cooperative with information. Both victims were transported to a local hospital for treatment. Rex had minor injuries and was treated and released. White was being treated for her injuries and left prior to finishing treatment.

While on scene, an individual identified as Andrew Gatley, age 23, of San Jose, contacted deputies and admitted to shooting the victims with a sawed off shotgun while protecting his medical marijuana garden he had in the area. Further investigation revealed that Gatley had an accessory during the shooting identified as Dennis Buchanan, age 22, of San Jose.

Gatley was arrested for two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a short barreled shotgun. Buchanan was arrested for possession of a short barreled shotgun and two counts of accessory to assault with a deadly weapon. Both Gatley and Buchannen were booked into the Butte County Jail with bail set at \$135,000 each. This investigation is ongoing regarding the legitimacy of the medical marijuana garden.