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On September 27, 2011 at approximately 0655 hours, the Butte County Sheriff's Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) along with agents from the Butte County Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) were setting up to serve a search warrant at a location near 116 Feather Ridge Road, Berry Creek, California involving an illicit marijuana growing operation. Deputies from SEU contacted a male subject, later identified as Javier Favela-Anguiano (DOB: 8-14-82) a Mexican National at the grow site. Favela-Anguiano was taken into custody without incident.

Deputies encountered another subject in the marijuana garden who was armed with a handgun. The subject was later identified as Juan Gutierrez (DOB: 6/22/87) from Southern California. Gutierrez was initially shot by a deputy with a Less than Lethal Bean Bag shotgun round. After the deputy fired the Less than Lethal shotgun round, Gutierrez fled into the grow site and fired at the deputies with a handgun. Deputy Jack Storne, seeing Gutierrez shoot at deputies, fired twice at Gutierrez striking him once in the leg. Gutierrez was taken into custody and treated at a local hospital. Gutierrez will be booked on a charge of Cultivation/Sales of Marijuana, Attempted Murder on a Peace Officer, Armed in the Commission of a Felony, Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm, Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition. Gutierrez's bail was set at approximately $1,000,000.00.

The Butte County Officer Involved Shooting Protocol Team was activated. The team consists of experienced investigators from local and state law enforcement agencies. Investigators from the Butte County District Attorney's Office, Butte County Sheriff's Office, Butte County Probation Department, Oroville Police Department, Gridley-Biggs

Police Department, Chico Police Department, Paradise Police Department and California Department of Justice responded to assist in the investigation.

Deputy Jack Storne has been placed on Administrative Leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

Favela-Anguiano was booked into Butte County Jail and being charged with Cultivation/Sales of Marijuana and being Armed in the Commission of a Felony. Favela-Anguiano's bail was set at approximately $125, 000.