

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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On September 3, 2011 at approximately 7:05 P.M., the Butte County Sheriff's Office received a report of person who had been shot on the property at 31 Spring Hill Drive, Oroville (Cherokee area). Deputies responded and located a male victim (age 35) who suffered from a gunshot wound to the chest. The victim was taken to Enloe Hospital via Life Flight for treatment.

Witnesses directed responding deputies to 101 Spring Hill Drive to contact the suspect, identified as Barry Richard Germo (DOB: 12/28/1946). Germo was detained without incident. Detectives were called out to the scene to assist with the investigation. It was discovered that the victim and his friends had been dove hunting when the victim was confronted by Germo who shot the victim. Germo was taken back to the Butte County Sheriff's Office to be interviewed. Germo was then placed under arrest and booked into Butte County Jail and charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Germo's bail was set at \$60,000. The victim was listed as stable at the time of this release.