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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **16-Year-old Oroville Minor Charged with Involuntary Manslaughter**

An Oroville minor was charged today in Butte County Juvenile Court for accidentally shooting the minor's 13-year-old friend during the early morning hours of July 18, 2023.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said a 16-year-old Oroville boy was charged with involuntary manslaughter and personal use of a firearm.

Ramsey said the 16-year-old and three other minors, ages 13, 14, and 16, were riding in a stolen car with a handgun. The handgun was being handled by the 16-year-old in the back passenger seat when the weapon discharged. The 13-year-old victim, Amadeus Miller-Ramos, who was in the front passenger seat, was struck once in the back by a bullet.

After the shooting, the victim's body was placed in a field in Thermalito near the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Tehama Avenue where he was eventually found.

Ramsey said Butte County Sheriff's detectives are still looking for the handgun used in the killing and are attempting to determine where the gun came from. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Sheriff's detective unit.

Ramsey said, "It is critical to remember firearms are exceptionally dangerous and must be handled with extreme caution."

The 16-year-old was arraigned before a juvenile court judge this morning who ordered him held in the Butte County Juvenile Hall. The next court date will be July 26, 2023.