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PRESS INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Officer Involved Shooting **CASE NUMBER:** 17-00481

GENERAL LOCATION: I-5 North of Hooker Creek Road, Tehama County

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: March 25, 2017 at about 11:49 PM

VICTIM NAME: California Highway Patrol Officer **AGE:**

ADDRESS:

DAMAGE/LOSS:

SUSPECT/ARRESTEE: Pending Identification and further Investigation

CITY OF RESIDENCE:

CHARGES:

BAIL:

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: On March 25, 2017 at about 11:45 PM, a Red Bluff Area California Highway Patrol Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a white Hyundai Sedan on North Bound Interstate 5, North of Hooker Creek Road in Tehama County. The CHP Officer contacted the two adult male occupants of the Hyundai and conversed about the enforcement stop.

The CHP Officer began to further interview the two occupants of the vehicle when he was shot in the right thigh by one of the occupants. The CHP officer drew his duty weapon and reacted to the shooting threat. As a result of the actions of the occupants of the Hyundai, the driver and passenger of the vehicle were both shot. One of the occupants was pronounced dead at the scene by medical staff while the other occupant was eventually transported to a local hospital for treatment of his major injuries.

Back-up Officers from the California Highway Patrol, Red Bluff Police Department and Tehama County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene and the injured CHP Officer was rescued from the scene and transported to an area hospital for his major injuries.

An investigative team led by the Tehama County Sheriff's Office and assisted by Investigator's from the Tehama County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations along with Criminalists from the California Department of Justice and Investigators from the California Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigations Team (MAIT) all assisted in the investigation of the shooting.

Northbound Interstate 5 was closed from Hooker Creek Road to Sunset Hills Road for approximately 12 hours while investigators and Criminalists thoroughly investigated the scene of the shooting.

The name of the injured Officer has not been released due to department policies and protection under the Peace Officer's Procedural Bill of Rights. The identity of the two occupants of the white Hundai is pending further investigation and the notification of next of kin to the deceased occupant.

The CHP Officer injured in the incident has sense been released from the area hospital and is recovering from his injuries.

Additional information will be released as the investigation continues.

Reporting Officer: Lt. D. Greer #L207