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PRESS INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Attempted homicide of a Peace Officer

CASE NUMBER: 23-02362

GENERAL LOCATIONS: Southbound I-5, south of Flores Ave & Southbound I-5, north of Finnell Ave.

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: 10/15/2023 at 11:38AM

VICTIM NAME(s): Withheld

SUSPECT NAME(S): Withheld

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:

On 10/15/2023 around 11:38 AM, a CHP Officer from the CHP Red Bluff Office responded to the area of Southbound I-5, north of Flores Avenue for a report of a disabled motorist.

Shortly after arriving on scene the Officer broadcasted emergency radio traffic that he had been struck by gunfire from a rifle fired by the driver of the disabled vehicle. Tehama County Sheriff's Deputies, along with allied agencies, including the Red Bluff Police Department, Corning Police Department, CHP, and CalFire immediately began a response to the scene. Prior to Officers arriving on scene, the suspect stole the CHP vehicle and fled southbound on Interstate 5. The suspect was believed to have been hit by gunfire when the CHP Officer initially returned fire.

Near the area of Interstate 5, north of Finnell avenue, the stolen CHP vehicle collided with a semi-truck. The semi-truck rolled over onto its side and came to a stop on the West shoulder of the freeway. The stolen CHP vehicle crashed into a field, West of Interstate 5 and caught fire.

The suspect was detained at the scene and emergency aid was rendered for multiple gunshot wounds. The suspect was transported to Enloe Medical Center and later pronounced deceased.

The driver of the semi-truck suffered minor injuries.

The CHP Officer sustained serious injuries but is expected to survive. Additional questions regarding the Officer's status should be referred to the California Highway Patrol.

The Tehama County Officer Involved Shooting Protocol has been activated and the Tehama County Sheriff's Office is conducting a criminal investigation into the actions of the suspect. The Tehama County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigations is conducting an investigation into the officer's involvement in the shooting. The California Highway Patrol will also be conducting a separate, internal investigation of the incident.

Anyone who witnessed any portion of this incident, or who may have any video recordings of the incident and/or scene, is asked to contact the Tehama County Sheriff's Office investigations unit at 530-529-7920.

Reported By: Captain D. Sherrill