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Updated Information - Officer Involved Shooting

Manteca, CA - On Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at approximately 2:56 p.m., Detectives from the San Joaquin County Delta Regional Auto Theft Team (Delta RATT) were conducting a search warrant in Manteca. A silver BMW was observed leaving from the 1300 block E. North Street, displaying license plates registered to a Ford. Delta RATT Detectives attempted a traffic stop on the BMW, but the suspect sped away. At some point during the pursuit, the BMW quickly stopped and a female jumped out. The BMW continued onto southbound Highway 99 and the Jacktone Road off-ramp in Ripon. The BMW struck an uninvolved vehicle on the off-ramp causing the uninvolved vehicle to roll down an embankment. The BMW stopped due to being disabled and the driver fled on foot with a firearm in his hand. On multiple occasions, the suspect pointed his firearm at one of the Delta RATT Detectives and a Manteca Motorcycle Officer. The Manteca Officer quickly laid his motorcycle down, fearing for his life. The Delta RATT Detective and a Manteca Street Crimes Unit (SCU) Detective, fearing for their lives and that of others, fired their duty weapons at the suspect and he was struck. Life-saving measures were immediately performed by officers on scene. The suspect was transported to a local area hospital where he later died.

The suspect was identified by the San Joaquin County Coroner's Office as 36-year-old Modesto resident, Angel Alan Gleason. Gleason had an outstanding \$250,000 felony warrant for Grand Theft out of San Bernardino and had an extensive criminal history. He was on felony probation in Stanislaus County for Possession of Controlled Substances and San Bernardino County for Grand Theft. The firearm Gleason used was a .22 caliber semi-automatic handgun, which was reported stolen out of Merced County. Gleason had crystal methamphetamine in his possession.

Investigation revealed the BMW was not reported stolen. Additional investigation into the Ford license plate is being conducted. The female that was dropped off during the pursuit was detained by other officers and later released after questioning. The two occupants of the vehicle involved in the collision, a female adult and female juvenile, were transported to a local area hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

The names of the officers involved in the shooting are Manteca Police Officer Avakian, hired in 1991, assigned to the Manteca Street Crimes Unit and Stockton Police Officer Stephens, hired in 2008, assigned to the Delta RATT Auto Theft Task Force.

As stated before, this officer involved shooting is being investigated by various law enforcement agencies within San Joaquin County, as part of a county-wide protocol. The investigation is ongoing and additional information will be released when available.