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Condolences & Law Enforcement Incidents

Condolences

The Monterey Police Department offers our deepest condolences to the family & friends of Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Damon Gutzwiller. The MPD also holds the other law enforcement personnel, who were injured in that event, in our thoughts and prayers for a quick and full recovery. We know the Santa Cruz County community and all of the Monterey Bay communities are reeling from this tragedy.

Law Enforcement Incidents of June 6, 2020

On June 6, 2020, at approximately 3:10 p.m., Monterey Police Department and other Monterey County law enforcement personnel responded to an emergency call from Santa Cruz County law enforcement agencies. The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office was dealing with an unfolding critical incident in Ben Lomond that took the life of Santa Cruz County Sergeant Damon Gutzwiller and involved serious injury to several other law enforcement personnel. Many of the Monterey County officers that responded to Ben Lomond, assisted with the event until approximately 9:00 a.m., the next day June 7, 2020.

On June 6, 2020, after MPD resources had been sent to Ben Lomond, at approximately 8:26 p.m., Monterey Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Monroe Street after multiple reports of “gunshots” and “fireworks” in the area. Officers arrived on scene and contacted the suspect, Patrick Evans, 31 years old, of Monterey. Evans had fired a pistol multiple times in the air and became uncooperative with Officers on scene. Evans refused to listen to commands, charged toward officers on-scene and twice quickly brought his hand from behind his back and pointed at officers mimicking as if he was holding a gun. Officers took evasive steps and after an effective taser deployment, took Evans into custody for violation of 246.3PC – Negligent discharge of a firearm, 273a(a)PC – Child endangerment, 240PC – Assault, and 148(a)(1)PC – Resisting, delaying, or obstructing a Peace Officer in the performance of their duties.

Just after taking Evans into custody in the event on Monroe Street, at approximately 9:16 p.m., Monterey Officers were dispatched to the Transit Plaza, 500 Tyler Street, for a report of a male standing in the area and firing a gun into the air. Monterey Officers and law enforcement from multiple other jurisdictions responded to the area. Multiple witnesses were identified and interviewed, however the suspect and firearm from this incident were not located. Anyone with additional information is asked to call the Monterey Police Department at (831) 646–3816 or the confidential tipline at (831) 646-3840.

We know these incidents create anxiety for all of our communities. It is important to point out that none of the gun related crimes are related to one another.

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