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## MEDIA RELEASE \*\*Cottonwood Shooting\*\*

On Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 1454 hours, Shascom received multiple phone calls regarding a male subject, firing three shots at a moving vehicle on First Street in Cottonwood, near West Cottonwood Junior High. A lockdown notification was sent to the school. Deputies responded to the school and the surrounding neighborhoods. While deputies were responding to the area the suspect, Eric Partida (age 31), contacted Shascom stating he shot at a vehicle in self-defense. It was determined Partida had returned home and secured the firearm in his residence. Deputies and California Highway Patrol Officers responded to Partida's residence and detained Partida without incident.

Upon further investigation and statements obtained form involved parties, deputies were able to collect a handgun used in the commission of this crime. Additionally, evidence collected in the area of First Street, west of the Interstate 5 overcrossing, corroborated witness statements. Partida was subsequently arrested for 245 (a)(2) PC (Assault with a Firearm), 246.3 PC (Discharge of a Firearm with Gross Negligence).

The investigation determined there were no additional victims and no further threat to public safety.

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the California Highway Patrol for their assistance during this incident.

Anyone who has information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Shasta County Sheriff's Office at (530)245-6540.

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