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Grass Valley Police Respond on “Shots Fired” Call

GRASS VALLEY, CA – At approximately 4:11pm today, Grass Valley Police officers responded to the 500 Block of Brighton St after receiving several ‘9-1-1’ calls of gunfire outside a residence at that location.

Upon arrival, officers located a lone subject later identified as Dwight Richard DePue, a 51 year old resident of Nevada County, engaged in the physical destruction of property at a residence. Officers first observed Mr. DePue standing near his truck in the driveway of 536 Brighton St. As officers approached to investigate, Mr. DePue demonstrated non-compliance with verbal commands from officers to get down on the ground. Instead, Mr. DePue entered his truck and attempted to flee before striking a fence and coming to a stop. Officers then approached and took Mr. DePue into custody without further incident. Mr. DePue was then transported by ambulance to Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries sustained prior to police contact.

The preliminary investigation determined that Mr. DePue had driven his truck into the detached garage causing damage before discharging a 12 gauge shotgun into the fuel tank of a motorcycle within the garage. It is believed that Mr. DePue may have then entered the unoccupied residence and further damaged property within.

Officers determined that no one was home at the time of the incident and that there were no other reported injuries. The incident is believed to be related to an ongoing divorce proceeding.

Mr. DePue, upon medical clearance, will be lodged at the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility charged with 664/187 PC (Attempted Murder), 422 PC (Terrorist Threats), 459 PC (Burglary), 594 PC (Malicious Mischief/Vandalism) and 148 PC (Resisting/Obstructing Peace Officer).

This incident remains under investigation by the Grass Valley Police. Anyone with information on this incident or any crime is encouraged to call the Grass Valley Police Department at 530.477.4600.

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