
NEVADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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DATE: July 1, 2012
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For immediate release

Nevada County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a disturbance at the Brass Rail saloon in North San Juan in the early morning hours of Sunday, July 1, 2012. Witnesses called 911 reporting a male adult was inside the saloon, intoxicated and threatening the bar tender as well as other patrons with a semi-automatic handgun. Nevada County Deputies responded, and while en route, were advised the male subject left the saloon, engaged in a physical altercation in the saloon parking lot with another male subject, then fled the area in a vehicle headed northbound on State Highway 49. No injuries were reported by anyone at the Brass Rail.

Nevada County Dispatchers advised surrounding law enforcement officers to Be on the Lookout (BOLO) for the suspect vehicle, and a Sierra County Deputy Sheriff on patrol located the suspect vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed northbound on State Highway 49 near Goodyears Bar in Sierra County. The Sierra County Deputy attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle, however the driver of the vehicle failed to yield to the officers lights and sirens, and continued at high rates of speed through Downieville. Several miles north of Downieville, the suspect vehicle stopped, and the driver threatened the Sierra County Deputy Sheriff. The Sierra County Deputy fired their duty weapon, striking the suspect. The suspect was transported to an area hospital, and is recovering. The investigation is continuing, and arrests have not been made at this time.

Sierra County Sheriff John Evans requested mutual aid, and Investigators from the Nevada County Sheriff's Department Major Crime Unit and Nevada County District Attorney's Office are leading the investigation into the Officer Involved Shooting.

The California Department of Justice Crime Laboratory responded, and assisted Investigators with the collection evidence. The case is pending evidence analysis, and further witness statements.