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CASE NUMBER: 08-06827

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NATURE OF STORY: Shooting Investigation

INCIDENT LOCATION: 106 Bauer Lane
Eugene, OR 97404

INVOLVED: Dix, Nathan Miles
DOB: 01-18-1977
106 Bauer Lane Eugene, OR

Deputy Greg Jones
Over 12 years with Lane County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Todd Olson
Over 11 years with Lane County Sheriff's Office

DETAILS:

The Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a suicidal person armed with a firearm at 106 Bauer Lane. The call was made to 911 from a female resident of the home. Deputies contacted the female outside the residence upon their arrival and removed her to a safe location. No one other than Dix was in the home during the incident.

As deputies attempted to contact Dix, he confronted deputies as he exited the front door of the residence. The deputies were approximately 30 feet from the front door where Dix was standing. Dix was carrying a firearm and pointed the firearm in the direction of the deputies. As the deputies were directing Dix to put the firearm down, Dix fired the firearm toward the deputies. Deputy Jones and Deputy Olson returned fire, striking Dix. No deputies were injured during the incident.

Dix was given immediate on-scene medical aid by deputies until EMS arrived and was then transported to Sacred Heart Medical Center where he is receiving continued treatment for his injuries.

The shooting is being investigated by the Lane County Interagency Deadly Force Investigations Team. The Lane County Interagency Deadly Force Investigations Team was created pursuant to Senate Bill 111, Oregon Laws 2007. The purpose of the team is to provide a consistent response to an officer's use of deadly physical force that treats the law enforcement officer fairly, and promotes public confidence in the criminal justice system. The investigation conducted by the team is a criminal investigation, to ascertain the presence or absence of criminal activity as a result of the use of deadly physical force by the officer, or to determine the presence of criminal activity by any other person associated with the incident.

The Lane County Interagency Deadly Force Investigations Team was agreed to by all Lane County law enforcement agencies and the Lane County District Attorney in early 2008. The team was scheduled to be implemented for all Lane County incidents of the use of deadly physical force by an officer on September 1, 2008.

The team is comprised of 10 experienced investigators from the various Lane County law enforcement agencies and is supervised by the Oregon State Police and supervision support from the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

This incident, occurring on the first day the team was in effect, is being investigated by members of the Oregon State Police, Eugene Police, Springfield Police, Lane County District Attorney's Office and the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

The Lane County Deadly Physical Force Plan can be viewed on-line at the Lane County Sheriff's Office web site at the following address:

<http://www.lanecounty.org/Sheriff/documents/SB111WebReady.pdf>

There is no other information available for release at this time. When additional information becomes available it will be provided in subsequent news releases.

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