

Man killed by sheriff's sergeant identified - Appeal-Democrat (Marysville - Yuba City, CA) - June 7, 2018

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The 34-year-old Los Molinos man shot and killed by a Tehama County sheriff's sergeant on Wednesday in Red Bluff has been identified as **Abraham Noe Flores**.

According to the sheriff's office, Flores had prior contacts with law enforcement and a history of mental illness.

Flores was reportedly armed and suicidal when he was shot and killed not too far from Shasta College Tehama Campus on Diamond Avenue in Red Bluff.

The sheriff's office has not disclosed the name of the sergeant who shot Flores, but Tehama County Asst. Sheriff Phil Johnston said he is a "veteran officer."

"Sheriff's dispatch received a 911 call around 11:28 today (Wednesday) from a female reporting her boyfriend was armed with a rifle and a pistol and was suicidal in the area of 770 Diamond Avenue, the old Diamond Mill platform," Johnston said.

He reported officers arrived shortly after and encountered a man armed with a rifle and pistol who was saying he was going to shoot himself and was demanding officers shoot him.

It appears the woman who made the 911 call was nearby in a vehicle during this exchange.

As this area is just south of the college campus, the college was placed on lockdown.

At 11:55 a.m., the sheriff's department Crisis Negotiation Team arrived on scene and began negotiating with the armed Los Molinos man.

"We negotiated with him for about 44 minutes," Johnston said. "During this time the subject continuously tried to get officers to shoot him."

During this time, it appears the woman inside the vehicle at the scene was able leave the area of danger and make it to a safe location.

"At 12:39 p.m. the male subject leveled a rifle, best described as a hunting rifle equipped with a scope, at officers and took aim. A sheriff's sergeant fired two rounds at the subject. The subject immediately went down," Johnston said.

A medical team on standby during negotiations was dispatched to the downed man and declared him dead at the scene, Johnston said.

Tehama County Sheriff Dave Hencratt, who was on scene, initiated the officer involved shooting protocol to investigate the incident. The investigation team has been headed up by Red Bluff Police Lt. Matt Hansen.

Johnston said the Department of Justice has been contacted to assist with the investigation, as well as a California Highway Patrol Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team.

The woman who made the 911 call about her boyfriend was transported to the Tehama County Sheriff's Office where she is being interviewed, Johnston added.

"I can say that she was not a hostage in this situation, but beyond that I cannot say what her role was in this incident except to have been the one to make the 911 call," he said.

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