



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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### Suspect in Custody After Officer Involved Shooting Investigation is Ongoing

**Guadalupe, Calif.** – At the request of the Guadalupe Police Department, the Sheriff's Office is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred this morning in Guadalupe. At approximately 6:30 a.m., five Guadalupe Police officers responded with Guadalupe Fire to a report of a tire fire in the area of Gularte Lane and La Guardia Lane. Guadalupe Police are automatically dispatched and respond to all fire and medical calls in Guadalupe. Fire staged in the area due to previous contacts with a dangerous subject that lives in the area.

The sequence of events that transpired after officers arrived on scene, and before the suspect was taken into custody is currently under investigation by Sheriff's Office detectives. What is immediately clear is that three of the officers fired both lethal rounds and less-lethal launchers at the suspect. The suspect, 48-year-old Paul Delgadillo of Guadalupe, was taken into custody, transported to a local hospital where he was medically cleared before being transported to the Main Jail. Delgadillo was booked for assault with a deadly weapon- other than a firearm against a peace officer (felony), and obstructing a peace officer (felony). Detectives authored a request for bail enhancement due to the seriousness of this crime and the danger to the public. The bail increase was approved and Delgadillo is being held on \$1,000,000 bail.

The officer who discharged his firearm was Sergeant Frank Medina, who has served the Guadalupe Police Department for 17 years. This investigation remains ongoing. There were no officers injured in this incident and the suspect was not struck by gunfire. The Sheriff's Office will be conducting the criminal investigation, and Guadalupe Police will conduct the administrative investigation.



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