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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: May 5, 2020 approximately 7:25 pm
Location: 845 Main Street, Half Moon Bay
Type of Crime/Incident: Officer Involved Shooting
Deceased: Sandra Lee Harmon, 56-year-old female, Eureka

Summary:

At approximately 7:25 pm last night, deputies were dispatched to the area of Main Street and Monte Vista Lane in Half Moon Bay on the report of a woman with a gun. The woman, later identified as Sandra Harmon, was described by the caller as white, slender with a striped shirt and skirt, carrying a rifle and alcohol.

Responding deputies located Harmon to the rear of 845 Main Street. Harmon fired at the first deputy on the scene. The second deputy arrived as shots were being fired. Both deputies ordered Harmon to get onto the ground, but she failed to comply. When she reached for the firearm, which was on the ground at that point, the deputies fired at Harmon, striking her.

Following life-saving efforts on scene, Harmon was transported via ambulance to Stanford Hospital. She succumbed to her injuries.

There were no injuries sustained by the deputies, reporting party, or anyone else.

The two deputies have been placed on routine administrative leave pending the investigation which is being conducted by the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is conducting an internal administrative review.

Anyone who has information regarding this incident may call the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Anonymous Tip Line at 1-800-547-2700.

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