Press Release

Subject: Deputy involved Shooting

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On Sunday, January 5, 2014, at approximately 8:20 pm, a Yolo County Sheriff’s deputy was driving Northbound on I-5 in Woodland, when he attempted to stop a vehicle for traffic violations. The vehicle not only failed to stop, he accelerated to speeds of more than 110 mph, weaving dangerously in and out of traffic while driving with a willful disregard for the safety of the vehicles around him. The deputy continued to pursue the suspect vehicle, using lights and siren, northbound I-5 until he lost sight of it south of the town of Dunnigan. The deputy then terminated the pursuit.

Moments later, while checking for the suspect vehicle, the deputy located it making a U-turn on County Road 8, west of I-5. The deputy again activated his emergency lights. After making the U-turn, the suspect vehicle drove toward the deputy’s vehicle while the suspect was pointing a gun at the deputy. The suspect then rammed the deputy’s vehicle on the right front side before continuing eastbound on County Road 8. Believing the suspect presented imminent danger to the public, the deputy fired two rounds, striking the suspect vehicle.

The suspect abandoned his vehicle behind United Truck Stop and ran where he jumped a fence and onto I-5 where he was spotted by a California Highway Patrol Officer. Two officers from the CHP then detained the suspect at gunpoint until the pursuing deputy could take the suspect into custody. It was then determined that the suspect had not sustained any gunshot wounds. A handgun believed to be used by the suspect was located along the route between where the suspect abandoned his vehicle and where he was located by CHP.

The suspect has been identified as John August Schroiff, a 28 year old transient. He was arrested for Assault with a deadly likely to cause great
bodily injury, assault with a firearm on a peace officer, ex-felon in possession of a firearm and felony evading a peace officer. Schroiff was transported and booked into the Yolo County Jail. Bail has been set at $260,000. Schroiff is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday, January 8, 2014.