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## **SUNNYVALE IDs SUSPECT, CHP OFFICERS IN SHOOTING**

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) investigators have identified the suspect and the California Highway Patrol officers involved in an early morning (Thursday, June 21) shooting that took place on a quiet Sunnyvale residential street.

Suspect James Ligon, a 34-year-old Sunnyvale resident, remains hospitalized in stable condition after being shot by CHP officers. Neither CHP Officer Joe Lafauci, who has been on duty with the CHP for one year, nor his partner, Officer Cory Walczak, a two-year veteran of the CHP, was injured in the incident.

The CHP officers began their attempt to stop Ligon while southbound on U.S. 101 near Ellis Street. Officers suspected Ligon of driving under the influence. When Ligon failed to yield to the CHP, it became a pursuit and Ligon led CHP off the freeway and into Sunnyvale on Mathilda Avenue and then onto residential streets. The suspect finally stopped in the 200 block of Alturas Avenue, just a block from the suspect's residence.

Ligon exited his vehicle and ultimately was shot when an officer felt his life was in danger. Sunnyvale DPS dispatchers received a 911 call about 1:30 a.m. reporting the sound of shots fired in the area of the 200 block of Alturas Avenue. DPS officers responded and took the suspect into custody, who was then transported by

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paramedics to a local hospital where he underwent surgery. At last report, Ligon remained hospitalized in stable condition.

Because the shooting incident took place in Sunnyvale, DPS is the investigating agency for the incident. Based on their findings, DPS will seek charges against Ligon for violation of Penal Code section 69, threatening or violently resisting an officer; Vehicle Code section 2800.2, felony evading; and Penal Code section 1203.2, violation of probation.

Anyone with additional information related to this incident is asked to Call Sunnyvale DPS at (408) 730-7120.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** No further information is available from this ongoing investigation at this time. The next step, upon completion of the investigation, will be to turn the findings over to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.