



# Arroyo Grande Police Department

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING / ARREST FOLLOW - UP INFORMATION

Further investigation into the attempted carjacking at the AM/PM market which resulted in an officer involved shooting has identified the suspect as 46 year old Christopher William Allen. Allen is described as a 6'4", 247 lb. white male adult who was not known to the area (See photo on page 2).

Allen attempted to rob an elderly victim at knife point and carjack another victim, also by knifepoint, at the AM/PM market on Grand Avenue before he was located and confronted by an Arroyo Grande Police Officer near the Grand Avenue and U.S Highway 101 northbound on ramp.

Allen was reported to have displayed a knife in a threatening manner and charged toward the officer, despite being given commands to stop. The officer fired multiple rounds and struck Allen, who was treated by medical personnel before being taken to a local hospital where he underwent surgery for his injuries. Allen is facing charges which include carjacking, attempted robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and threats to a police officer.

The officer involved in the shooting is identified as 15 year veteran of the Arroyo Grande Police Department Sergeant Shane Day. Sergeant Day is on administrative leave while the shooting incident is being investigated by the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

A newspaper publication erroneously reported a story yesterday identifying a well-known local homeless individual as the suspect in the robberies and as the individual who was later shot by Sergeant Shane Day.

The misinforming story identified the wrong individual as a homeless person knick-named "Rambo" and provided a storyline regarding his lifestyle and actions. It should be noted that the individual described in that story, who still frequents the Arroyo Grande area, is not a suspect in any crime and has not posed any threat to the public.

The Arroyo Grande Police Department regrets that this information was contrived and released without any confirmation with representatives of the Arroyo Grande Police Department and/or other investigating agencies.

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