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Officer-Involved Shooting Update

Ceres, California – On November 2, 2012, at 2:11 A.M., Ceres police officers responded to the Del Taco Restaurant on Mitchell Road regarding a disturbance. As officers arrived, the reporting party directed them to Martin Moreno. As officers attempted to speak to Moreno, he fled the scene in his car. A pursuit ensued and when it ended, Moreno's car came to rest facing the officers. Moreno accelerated forward toward the officers as they stood outside their police cars and Officer Joseph Wren, a 16 year veteran police officer who has been with the Ceres Police Department for the last six years, fired his duty weapon in protection of his life. Moreno was struck once in the shoulder and pulled from the vehicle by the officers on scene, who provided first aid until ambulance personnel arrived. Moreno was taken to a local hospital where he was admitted for two days for treatment of his injury.

Martin Moreno was booked at the Stanislaus County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer with a weapon other than a firearm, felony evading, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and obstructing/resisting a public officer. He has since been released on bail.

This case has been forwarded to the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office. Any further inquiries regarding this case should be directed to them. The Ceres Police Department is asking anyone with any additional information to contact Detective [Derek Perry](mailto:derek.perry@ci.ceres.ca.us) at (209) 538-5730 or email at derek.perry@ci.ceres.ca.us.