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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Robbery Attempt Ends in Suspect Shot by Homeowner**

Ceres, California – On November 5, 2012 at 2:35 PM, Ceres police officers responded to a robbery in progress on the 2300 block of Millcreek Drive. As officers arrived, they were directed to a home across the street where they found 31 year old David (aka “Christopher”) Lucas from Modesto, with gunshot wounds. He was transported to a local hospital via ambulance where he is currently in stable condition.

Lucas sustained his injuries when he attempted to rob a 69 year old man who was working in his garage. While Lucas held the homeowner at knifepoint, the homeowner managed to make his way to where he keeps his .38 caliber handgun and shot his attacker. They began struggling for the gun and the 69 year old fired his weapon two more times, causing Lucas to flee across the street, where officers found him.

David Lucas has been identified as the auto theft suspect who stole a vehicle from the 800 block of Central Avenue in Ceres just 13 minutes prior. The stolen vehicle was recovered down the street from where the attempted robbery took place. He was also found to have a no bail warrant out of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department for 4024.2 PC, failure to report to a work release program. Once discharged from the hospital, David Lucas will be booked in the Stanislaus County Jail for the warrant and additional charges.

This is an ongoing investigation and more details will be released as the case develops. The Ceres Police Department is asking anyone with information on this case to contact [Detective Darren Venn](#) at (209) 538-5616.