SUBJECT: Deputy Involved Shooting in Fallbrook

LOCATION: Ranger Road and Reche Road, Fallbrook

DATE/TIME: December 21, 2018 / 4:30 a.m.

VICTIMS: Withheld

SUSPECT: Withheld

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Recently, Fallbrook Substation deputies have responded to investigate three unprovoked assaults in the area of Reche Road and Ranger Road. The first event occurred on Wednesday evening, followed by two more Thursday night. In each case, a lone male suspect armed with a bat attacked victims in parked cars. Each attack was unprovoked and resulted in vehicle damage and/or injury before the victims fled to escape their attacker.

In response to this disturbing crime trend, Fallbrook deputies conducted surveillance of the area in an unmarked vehicle. While monitoring the area, a deputy parked in an unmarked vehicle was also violently attacked by a lone male suspect armed with a bat. The suspect smashed the window of the vehicle, injuring the deputy inside when he was showered with broken glass. The deputy defended himself and shot the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody for assault with a deadly weapon and treated at the scene for his injuries. He was transported by ambulance to a local hospital and underwent surgery to treat multiple gunshot wounds to his torso. He is expected to survive. The deputy sustained a laceration to his forehead.

Reche Road remains closed to vehicular traffic between Ranger Road and Mission Road while the investigation continues.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Unit at (858) 285-6330/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.
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