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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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Deputies in Officer Involved Shooting in Monument Identified

CSPD Press Release: On September 29, 2019, at approximately 3:06 P.M., the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) received a call for service advising that an individual was shooting a pellet gun at pedestrians and vehicles from inside a residence in the 200 block of 2nd Street, in Monument, Colorado. The Sheriff's Office, along with the Monument Police Department, Palmer Lake Police Department, and Colorado State Patrol responded to the scene. EPSO's SWAT team also responded to assist after the suspect barricaded himself in the residence.

When officers attempted to make contact, the suspect fired multiple projectiles at an occupied EPSO marked cruiser, damaging the front windshield and shattering a door window. The deputy inside the vehicle was unharmed. The suspect also caused damage to several other law enforcement vehicles.

During the attempted contact with the suspect, at least one shot was fired by an El Paso County deputy, striking the suspect.

The deputies involved in this incident are Deputy Ryan Gonzales and Deputy Chad Wheat. Deputy Gonzales has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since 2007 and is assigned to the Patrol Division with a secondary assignment on the Special Weapons and Tactics Team. Deputy Chad Wheat has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since 2012 and is assigned to the Patrol Division with a secondary assignment on the Special Weapons and Tactics Team.

Any further updates or information on this case will only come from the Colorado Springs Police Department.

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