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DEPUTY TO BE RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL WEDNESDAY

An Okaloosa County deputy is being kept overnight for observation at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center but fortunately is expected to be released tomorrow, July 28th.

35-year old Deputy Miguel Rojas of Fort Walton Beach was injured Tuesday afternoon shortly before 3 p.m. while undergoing firearms training at the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Firing Range in Crestview. A preliminary investigation revealed that Deputy Rojas was taking part in what's called "weak hand sidearms training". It involves allowing deputies to practice conditions where their strong arm is disabled. They must then reload and fire with their weak hand. While attempting to reholster, Deputy Rojas' finger accidentally caught in the trigger guard, causing the pistol to discharge. He was struck in the right lower leg and is listed in good condition.

Two firearms instructors were on the range with the six deputies training on the line.

Deputy Rojas is an eight-year veteran of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. He is a member of the agency's Special Response Team and has undergone hundreds of hours of firearms training.

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