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OKALOOSA DEPUTY REMAINS IN STABLE CONDITION

An Okaloosa County Deputy remains in stable condition following a shooting incident around 2 p.m. in Santa Rosa County.

Investigator Steve Hough was one of a team of about a dozen law enforcement officers working in conjunction with the US Marshals Service Regional Fugitive Task Force to take a Milton man into custody on multiple felony warrants. A SWAT team was also assembling when the 34-year old suspect came out of the front door at the home in the 5400 block of Camille Gardens Circle with two handguns and began shooting.

Hough was struck once in the face and twice in the leg. He was airlifted to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola and is in stable condition.

The suspect was shot when officers returned fire. As of 6:30 p.m. Friday evening, he was undergoing surgery at a Pensacola hospital. He is wanted for aggravated assault with a weapon, use of a firearm during a felony, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in connection with an incident in May 2011. He is also wanted for failure to appear on narcotics charges and will face additional charges as a result of today's shooting as well.

The U-S Marshals Regional Fugitive Task Force included officers from the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and US Marshals Service.

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SANTA ROSA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

Sheriff Wendell Hall

PRESS RELEASE 12/09/11

Law Enforcement Involved Shooting

On 12/9/11 at approximately 1357 hours, a United States Federal Marshal's Taskforce member, a Okaloosa Sheriff's Deputy, was shot off of Camille Garden Circle in Santa Rosa County. The task force consisted of members from the Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and United States Federal Marshall's. The task force was at that location attempting to apprehend David Christopher Lewis. Lewis had active warrants for FTA – Resisting an Officer without Violence, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon without Intent to Kill, Display of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony, and Possession of a Weapon by a Convicted Felon. Lewis was known to be violent, armed with firearm(s), and had made threats towards law enforcement. The taskforce had tracked Lewis to the above listed address. During the exchange of gun fire the Okaloosa Sheriff's Deputy and Lewis were shot. Both were transported to an area hospital. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is investigating the officer involved shooting incident. The Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office is pursuing criminal charges for attempted murder and aggravated assault against Lewis due to the incident this afternoon.

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