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### OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING AT GILROY HIGH SCHOOL

**Gilroy, CA** – On Sunday, September 9, 2018, at approximately 1:00 pm, Gilroy Police Department responded to a report that a driver had accessed a service road behind the Gilroy High School Football Stadium and was acting erratically.

Gilroy Police Department dispatched a number of service units to the scene to contact the suspect. During that time, an officer discharged his service weapon at the suspect's car. The suspect then surrendered to authorities and was taken into custody without further incident.

Gilroy Unified School District leases the Gilroy High School football field to the Gilroy Browns Pop Warner Football organization and while this situation was unfolding, a Jr. Pee Wee Pop Warner game was in process on the field. Announcers for the football game advised players, coaches and spectators to "shelter in place" after shots were fired to ensure the safety of all in attendance. The attendees complied with the orders and no one was injured. During this time, a baseball game was also in progress as was a senior activity in the student parking lot on campus. No one participating in either of these activities were harmed.

Gilroy Unified School District wishes to commend the officers on duty for the Gilroy Police Department for their swift response to ensure the safety of all in attendance on campus at Gilroy High School. We would like to thank those parents and coaches in attendance at the football game who did everything possible to keep the players and other attendees safe. "We are relieved that this situation was resolved quickly and without incident. Many thanks to Gilroy Police Department and to the parents in attendance at the football game for keeping the attendees safe," remarked GUSD Superintendent Dr. Deborah A. Flores.

The suspect has no affiliation with any of the activities that were taking place on campus at Gilroy High School. More information will be released by Gilroy Police Department as it becomes available.

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