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OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

The Fresno Sheriff's Department is asking for the public's assistance in identifying a vehicle related to a pursuit and officer-involved shooting early this morning.

At approximately 0128 hrs., in the area of Fowler / North, an FSO deputy in a marked patrol vehicle attempted to stop a Toyota pickup. The driver of the pickup failed to yield and was pursued by the deputy. In the area of Temperance / North, the driver of the pickup fired a shot at the deputy, and the pursuit continued to the area of Locan / North where the vehicle drove into a vineyard. When the deputy pulled in behind the pickup, the pickup went into reverse towards the deputy. Shots were fired by the deputy at the pickup which then left the area and was last seen east of the intersection at North / Locan.

The vehicle is described as: a mid 1980's model Toyota 4x4 pickup, black in color with a black colored roll-bar; raised off the ground, with large tires; large side-view mirrors; a sliding rear window with a ball hitch; partial California License plate of **3B**; possible right front damage to the exterior and possible fresh bullet holes to the rear.

The driver may be injured and should be considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone who may have information as to this vehicle's whereabouts, or suspect information, is encouraged to contact the Fresno Sheriff's Department at 488-1650, Detective Sergio Toscano at 488-3722, or Crime-Stoppers @ 498-STOP.