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LAW ENFORCEMENT

13 officers named in shooting

Police, deputies fired when gunman shot at them, DA reports

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Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley issued a news release Friday naming 13 law enforcement officers who fired their weapons on April 4 to stop a gunman who was shooting at them. The release said that 11 Napa Po-

lice officers and two Napa County Sheriff's deputies returned the fire of Stephen Connard Ferry, 65, who was attempting to flee his home on Bueno Street in his compact car around 2 p.m.

Officers from multiple law enforcement agencies responded to the west Napa neighborhood on reports of a male resident firing on his neighbors.

As officers were setting up a perimeter around Ferry's house, Ferry drove out of his garage and began firing at officers who re-

turned fire, the district attorney said.

Ferry crashed his car into a tree a block away on Linda Vista Avenue at Roberto Street, a block from West Park Elementary School, but resumed firing at officers when they attempted to communicate with him, Haley said.

That's when officers fired a fusillade of bullets into Ferry's car, killing him.

His silver Honda Civic, which was peppered with bullet holes, stayed where it was, with Ferry

in it, for more than an hour while officers combed the neighborhood and Ferry's home to make sure there were no more threats.

No bystanders or officers were hit by bullets, although one officer received a shrapnel wound in the gunfire exchange and had to be treated at Queen of the Valley Medical Center, authorities reported.

The 11 Napa Police officers involved in the shooting were: Sgt. Ryan Cole, Officer Adam Davis, Detective Dominic DeGuilio, Of-

ficer Jeff Hansen, Officer Nathan Kistner, Officer Eric Koford, Officer Michael Moore, Detective Pete Piersig, Corporal Keri Sedgley, Officer Lucas Stalker, and Officer Garrett Wade.

The two Sheriff's Office officers were Sgt. Kyle Eddleman and Deputy Matthew Macomber.

Police Chief Steve Potter said Friday that the 11 police officers remain on paid administrative leave.

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TOURISM



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The Meritage Resort and Spa is undergoing an expansion project that includes 145 more rooms, an outdoor pool area and a food and wine village.

Meritage expansion underway

Plans call for 145 new rooms, 'wine tasting' village and event lawn

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Dozens of people descend on the north side of the growing Meritage Resort and Spa each day, but these aren't suitcase-carrying travelers. They're the workers and

tradespeople building a major expansion of the south Napa resort.

Today's project workforce of 20 to 60 workers will grow to as many as 200 before the five new structures debut in 2018 as Meritage Commons, said project manager Tim Coon with Pacific Hospitality Group.

"What we are creating here in Napa is truly something special," said Kory Kramer, chief investment officer of Pacific Hospital-

ity Group. Irvine-based Pacific Hospitality Group developed and manages the resort.

The workers are constructing 145 new guest rooms and suites, a wine tasting "village," boutique market, demonstration kitchen, expansive event lawn and outdoor pool.

The artificial turf lawn will be approximately 9,450 square feet and include outdoor fireplaces and a water feature. Weddings, con-

certs, wine tastings, food events and team-building events could take place on the lawn, according to the hotel's application with the city.

The work on the 9.3-acre vacant parcel across Bordeaux Way from the hotel began last April, said Coon. Even with delays from wet weather, the project is still on track to be completed on time, he said.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Costs may rise for In-Home service

County fears having to pay extra \$1m

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Proposed state funding changes to a program that helps keep the elderly, blind and people with disabilities in their homes and out of institutions could cost Napa County an extra \$1.1 million annually.

In-Home Supportive Services is run by counties and paid for by the federal and state governments and counties. Napa County's program has more 1,000 providers, often family and relatives, helping more than 1,000 residents with chores and care in their homes.

Gov. Jerry Brown plans to return to the way the program was funded before 2012-13, given the funding changes have failed to save the state money. But this switch for the coming fiscal year beginning in July would cost counties money that they could otherwise use for other local services.

"What's your best guess for the smallest amount that would be our hit as of July 1?" Supervisor Diane Dillon asked County Executive Officer Leanne Link at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

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TOURISM

Hotel taxes bring in millions

Supervisors worry about worker housing

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Napa County supervisors appreciate the ever-growing number of tourists staying at the ever-growing number of local hotels, but also see such challenges as giving hotel workers local housing options.

Visit Napa Valley made its annual report to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. It spends about \$7 million annually pro-

moting the Napa Valley to potential visitors who stay overnight in hotels.

Lodging revenue for the 12 months ending last June topped \$373 million, said Cassandra Walker on behalf of Visit Napa Valley. That marked the seventh consecutive year of growth. By comparison, revenue in 2009 was less than \$200 million.

Napa County and its cities share in the wealth through a transient occupancy tax on hotel stays. In 2015-16, the tax brought in \$12.6 million for county government coffers, or 6 percent of

the general fund budget.

In that sense, the growth in hotel stays is good news for county government and the services it provides.

"What that means to me as a county, it means more money," Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza said.

But more hotels are being built, such as the six-story Archer Hotel in downtown Napa. Pedroza said that means more workers will be needed in a county that already has a housing shortage.

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The Archer Hotel, under construction in downtown Napa, is one of several projects expected to add more than 500 hotel rooms to Napa County's stock of guest housing over the next two years.

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