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Update following the August 26th officer involved shooting on Winuba Lane in Bishop

During routine patrol in the Bishop area on August 26th Inyo County Sheriff's Deputy, Reuben Bradley, was contacted by a female who reported that she was the victim of domestic violence. The victim reported that the suspect was Raymond Bencoma III; Bencoma (a 41-year old Bishop man) is a parolee and is known to law enforcement through his past violent crimes.

Back-up was requested and provided by Bishop Police and CHP. As Deputy Bradley approached the home where Bencoma was reported to be staying, the suspect appeared from behind an out-building and pointed a semi-automatic handgun at the Deputy. Deputy Bradley fired and struck the suspect. The suspect was transported to Northern Inyo Hospital for emergency evaluation and was subsequently flown to Renown Medical Center for treatment. A loaded handgun was recovered at the scene.

Deputy Bradley was not physically injured; per the Sheriff's Office policy he has been placed on Administrative Leave pending completion of this investigation.

"The Bishop Paiute Tribal Council and Tribal Police were briefed shortly after the incident and we continue to have open communication regarding this investigation," stated Inyo County Sheriff Bill Lutze. "Additional information will be released to the public as the investigation continues."

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