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Press Release

Today's Date: 6/28/13
Date & Time Occurred: 6/28/13 at 3:26 p.m.
Submitted By: Lieutenant John Carli
Phone: 707-449-5200
Case Number: 13-04489
Type of Crime/Incident: 245 PC – Assault with a deadly weapon (against a police officer)
Location:
East Bound I-80 1 mile east of Leisure Town Road
Suspects: S- Lonnie Taylor, 21, Sacramento resident

Narrative:

On June 28, 2013, at approximately 3:26 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Vacaville Walmart reference a male and a female stealing televisions in an apparent commercial burglary. Their description was relayed to our Communications Center by employees of the store, who watched them leave in a light colored sedan. A license plate was provided as well, which was registered out of Sacramento. An officer spotted the car matching the description including the license plate provided and made a traffic stop on I-80 Eastbound about a mile east of Leisure Town Road.

While conducting a roadside investigation into the burglary, the driver, identified as S-Lonnie Taylor, disobeyed direct orders by starting the vehicle and putting the car in reverse, making an aggressive acceleration backwards, striking the officers who were attempting to physically prevent his escape. One officer fired a single shot at S-Taylor as he dangerously lunged the car in a forward motion. The officers narrowly avoided serious injury by their quick retreat away from the moving car. A pursuit of the Lincoln MK8 lasted a short distance when the suspect's vehicle struck two other vehicles on I-80 and came to rest near the center divide as it approached Midway Road. Officers arriving at the scene of the collision determined that S-Taylor had been struck by a single gunshot and rendered medical aid until paramedics arrived at the scene. The freeway was shut down for a period of time while officers and rescue teams managed the multiple crime scenes.

S-Taylor was transported by ambulance to Kaiser Hospital in Vacaville. He later died as a result of the injuries he sustained during his deadly assault on the officers. The investigation is ongoing at this time. The Solano County District Attorney's Office is assisting in conducting a joint investigation of the officer involved shooting.