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Deputy's Shooting of Round Mountain Man Legally Justified

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Lee Roy Grecian, 52, of Round Mountain is charged with domestic violence and attempted murder of a peace officer that took place on May 15, 2011. At approximately 9:48 p.m. Shasta County Sheriff Deputies responded to the residence to conduct a welfare check on Grecian's wife after they were made aware that domestic violence was taking place. Grecian made threats to kill anyone who went on his property.

When deputies arrived, Grecian stood on his porch with a bow and arrow threatening the officers. Grecian nocked one arrow and shot it in the direction of the deputies who were attempting to take cover by a patrol vehicle. Sergeant Jose Gonzalez told Grecian numerous times that if he nocked another arrow, he would be shot. Sergeant Gonzalez told Grecian that they were just there to check if his wife was ok.

Grecian nocked an arrow and pointed the bow at the deputies. Sergeant Gonzalez fired one shot from his duty weapon, hitting Grecian in the chest. Grecian was treated by California Highway Patrol Officers and paramedics then transported to the hospital. Grecian's wife came outside the home and reported that she had been assaulted earlier in the evening and had bruising forming on her face.

The Redding Police Department took over the investigation pursuant to protocol in officer involved shootings. The District Attorney has reviewed all available evidence and has determined that Sergeant Gonzalez acted reasonably when he fired the single shot. He acted to defend himself and the other deputies in a manner that is consistent with the laws of the State of California.

Sergeant Gonzalez's quick action potentially saved the lives of the law enforcement officers on scene. He acted within the highest standards of the law enforcement profession and District Attorney Steve Carlton has determined the shooting was legally justified.