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Press Release

DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT: March 20, 2007 13:25 hrs

TYPE OF INCIDENT: 245(a)(1) PC Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 417(a)(2) PC, Brandish a firearm, 422 PC, Terrorist Threats

LOCATION OCCURRED: 500 Blk. S. Sorrel St..

SUSPECT: 17 year old male juvenile

Ridgecrest Police Officers Kristin Lawson and Jared Sparks responded to a call of a girl hit by a Go Cart. What turned out as an argument between two 17 year old males, led to a suspect getting angry and allegedly getting a pellet gun from his home. The suspect then pointed the gun at the other male juvenile and threatened to shoot him. Two other female juveniles, one being the sister of the suspect was also standing nearby. The 17 year old victim and the two female juveniles walked away after the argument and headed down S. Sorrel St. A few seconds later the three of them noticed the suspect driving a Go Cart erratically on the sidewalk towards their direction. The suspect allegedly accelerated the Go Cart in attempt to hit the male juvenile he had argued with. The male juvenile was struck in the leg as the suspect drove towards him and sustained minor injury. The suspect's sister was not as fortunate and was hit by the Go Cart as her brother drove by. She sustained moderate injuries from the impact. The suspect fled to his residence and was taken into custody by Police a short time later.

The suspect was later transported to Juvenile Hall in Bakersfield.

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PREPARED BY: Sgt. Mike Myers

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