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PRESS RELEASE

On 1/27/2024, at approximately 11:15 A.M., Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 6000 block of Mount Madonna Road for a report of an Attempted Murder. During the investigation, deputies learned the victim, a process server, went to the suspect's (Christopher Croul's (64)) residence to serve legal documents. Upon leaving the residence, the victim and Croul were involved in a verbal argument. Croul discharged an unknown firearm in the direction of the victim. The victim immediately left the area and contacted 9-1-1. The victim did not sustain any injuries.

The Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team and Crisis Negotiation Team were activated after Croul barricaded inside of his residence. Croul was isolated inside of his residence and was not a threat to the public at the time. For safety purposes, a shelter in place was issued to the residents in the nearby area and Mount Madonna County Park was evacuated. Due to the terrain in the area, Croul was later able to flee from his residence towards Mount Madonna County Park.

At approximately 6:00 P.M., after an extensive search, the search of Croul was terminated based on lighting and terrain conditions. Due to public safety concerns, Mount Madonna County Park was closed for the remainder of the night.

Croul is in violation of P.C. 664/187 – Attempted Murder, P.C. 245(a)(2) – Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and P.C. 246 – Discharge of a Firearm at an Occupied Vehicle. Croul is considered armed and dangerous. In the event anyone from the public encounters Croul, immediately call 9-1-1 and vacate the area. Alternatively, anyone can contact the Sheriff's Office Investigative Service anonymous tip line at 408-808-4431.

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