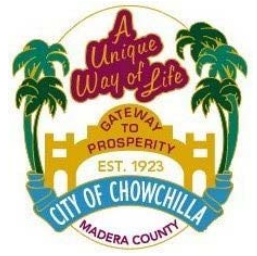




Chowchilla Police Department

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Press Release Domestic Violence case turns deadly April 15, 2010

On Wednesday April 14, 2010 at 9:44 a.m., Chowchilla Police were dispatched to a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Colusa Avenue. Upon their arrival they were unable to get anyone to answer the door. Officers continued to knock and tried to call the residence again with no answer. As officers continued to try to get someone to respond to the door, a female came running from the back of the house toward the front door followed by a male subject. The male subject was later identified as Andres Marcelo. Marcelo had attacked the victim with some type of weapon, alleged to be a knife. The officer at the front door, fearing for the victim's safety, attempted to open the front door however it was locked which delayed their entry. As the officer entered, Marcelo ran out the back door and jumped the neighboring fences and was able to briefly elude the officers.

Officers requested the lock down of Chowchilla Union High School after Marcelo fled towards CUHS. Officers also set up a perimeter around a defined area near the residence where the original assault occurred. Officers located Marcelo hiding in a neighbor's yard and placed him under arrest. He was transported to the Madera County Jail and booked for attempted murder, false imprisonment, intimidating a witness, and burglary. The victim was treated at the scene by Pistoresi Ambulance and released.

Chief Varney stated "This arrest was the result of good teamwork. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please report it."

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