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Release Date: March 10, 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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Incident / DR#: Attempted Homicide / #11-2838

Date: March 10, 2011

Location: 1900 block of Continental Avenue

Time: 1200 a.m. (Midnight)

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| Arrestee: | Name: Greene, Donald Monroe City of Residence: Costa Mesa Charges: Attempted homicide of a police officer Attempted homicide on his two sons, and Assault with a deadly weapon against son | Age: 49 yrs Hospital: Critical condition at Western Medical Center, S.A. Upon booking, bail could be 1-million. |
| Victim: | Name: Greene, Kenneth City of Residence: Costa Mesa Injuries/Condition: Minor - laceration to head, additional bruises and complaint of pain. | Age: 28 yrs Hospital: UCI Med Center Treated and release anticipated |
| Victim: | Name: Withheld due to age City of Residence: Costa Mesa Injuries/Condition: Bruises/abrasions with complaint of pain to neck | Age: 17 yrs : Western Medical, S.A. Admitted for observation overnight |
| : | Name: City of Residence: : | Age: : |
| Vehicle: | | |

Synopsis:

Just past midnight on the morning of March 10th, Costa Mesa Police officers responded to a single family residence in the 1900 block of Continental Avenue on a reported family fight/disturbance. A woman had called police to report that she had received a call indicating that her husband had just hit their 17-year-old son. The woman was apparently not at the residence at the time and it is believed she had received a call from the son. The woman additionally reported that there were firearms at the residence.

While officers were responding to the location, a second call was received from the 17-year-old reporting that his father had brandished a handgun at him and had just fired off a round from the handgun in the garage. Numerous officers responded to coordinate their approach and cordon off the area. While arriving into the area, it was reported that the father, Donald Greene, had left the location in a red Toyota Tacoma pick up truck. Officers had arrived on scene within minutes and contacted two male subjects walking towards them. They were identified as two of Donald Greene's sons, the 17-year-old and his older brother, 28-year-old Kenneth Greene. Both subjects had apparently walked away from the residence after their father had left in his vehicle. Kenneth Greene was found have a laceration to his forehead, reportedly a result of his father hitting him in the head with a large ceramic floor tile. Both subjects were detained and

placed into the back seat of a marked police unit parked approximately ½ block from the residence. The headlights and overhead lights on the police vehicle were on at the time.

As this was unfolding, additional officers spotted Donald Greene in his Toyota truck, still driving in the neighborhood. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Greene; however he failed to yield to the officers. A short pursuit ensued, with Greene driving back on to Continental Avenue. Greene then accelerated at a high rate of speed directly towards the police unit where his two sons had just been placed. This occurred just as a police officer had closed the back door of the car. That officer was able to dive out of the way of Greene's oncoming truck as it slammed head-on into the parked police vehicle, pushing it approximately 55 feet. Both vehicles sustained major damage.

Costa Mesa Fire Department personnel responded to treat Greene and his two sons at the scene. The two sons sustained minor injuries as a result of the collision, reported to consist of bruises/abrasions and complains of pain. Kenneth Greene was transported to UCI Medical Center where he was treated and anticipated to be released at the time of this press release. His 17-year-old brother was transported to Western Medical Center, Santa Ana, for further treatment and was admitted overnight for observation.

Firefighters had to remove Donald Greene from where he was pinned beneath the steering wheel of his truck. He was transported to Western Medical Center, Santa Ana in critical condition having sustained a fractured pelvis, possible fractures to his rib cage and injuries to internal organs.

No Police Officers were injured during this incident.

As officers investigated what had precipitated the incident, it was learned that Donald Greene had apparently been upset and had a verbal altercation with his sons. He had then apparently struck his 17-year-old son without other provocation, as well as taking a ceramic floor tile and striking his other son, 28-year-old Kenneth, in the forehead. Greene had allegedly made statements that he may want to harm himself, and had armed himself with a .41 caliber handgun. At one point, he allegedly brandished the gun at his sons before firing a round off inside the garage. It was also reported that Greene made a statement that he had intended to take his own life when he rammed his truck into the police vehicle. Greene is believed to have been drinking and intoxicated to some degree.

Greene is currently in custody at Western Medical Center for suspicion of attempted homicide on his two sons, attempted homicide on a police officer, and assault with a deadly weapon. His bail could be set as high as 1-million dollars.

The .41 caliber handgun was recovered at the residence

**** No further information available ****

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