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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Accidental shooting of a child - update

**Chowchilla, CA – January 13, 2017**

On Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at approximately 4:48 pm, Officers of the Chowchilla Police Department responded to an address in the 200 Block of Alameda Avenue regarding a 1 year old being accidentally shot by his sister. Upon our arrival we located the 1 year old with a gunshot wound being cared for by his mother and the young daughter.

The ambulance arrived and transported the 1 year old to Valley Children's Hospital. While in-route the child succumbed to his injuries. There is an autopsy scheduled for the 1 year old.

The weapon in this case is a handgun and it may have been improperly stored allowing the young girl to find it, causing this tragedy to occur.

The mother, Erica Bautista is a 16 year veteran of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

We are actively investigating this case. When the investigation is complete it will be turned over to the Madera County District Attorney's Office for review.

Should you have information about this case please contact Sgt. Denny at (559) 665-8600.

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