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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 10/4/2012 19:10 Hours
Location of Incident: 400 Block Holohan Road –Watsonville
Case Number: 12-08516
Type of Incident: Shooting at vehicle
Suspect(s): Unknown
Photo(s) Available: Yes ____ No _X__

Description of Incident:
On 10/4/2012 at approximately 1910 hours, Sheriff's Office personnel responded with Watsonville Police to the report of an unknown person shooting at a Pajaro Valley Unified school bus in the area of Green Valley Road and Holohan Road. Sheriff's Office personnel contacted the bus driver and learned that he was driving past the Towers apartments when the he heard a sound he thought was nearby construction work. He returned to the bus storage yard and found two shattered windows on the bus. Deputies arrived at the bus yard and located evidence suggesting that at least two .22 cal rounds caused the damage. It appeared as if the bus was shot at as it passed by the Tower Apartments. Available personnel searched the immediate area for suspect(s) and were unable to locate anyone. School resource officers have been made aware of the incident to ensure student safety at local schools.

The bus was not occupied by students at the time of the shooting and there was no evidence to suggest that someone was intentionally shooting at the driver. The Sheriff's Office asks that any witnesses to this incident call Sheriff's Investigations at 831-454-2311.

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