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800 Block of Iowa  
Attempted "Suicide by Cop"

On August 12, at 0441 AM Los Banos Police were dispatched to the 800 block of Iowa for a male yelling and shouting "I'm gonna kill you." Officer Ulrich arrived and located the suspect, a 17 year old male, hiding in the bushes armed with a large kitchen knife. The suspect immediately became aggressive and uncooperative with Officer Ulrich and raised the knife. The suspect told Officer Ulrich he wanted to die and was shouting for Officer Ulrich to "shoot me;" the suspect was attempting "suicide by cop," a disturbing trend seen before in Los Banos.

Officer Ulrich was able to hold the suspect at gun point until Officer's Alvara and Smith arrived, where the suspect was incapacitated with a Taser. The suspect dropped the knife and fell to the ground, where he was handcuffed.

The suspects mother lives in the 800 block of Iowa and it was determined that he believed he was at her door, but he wasn't, he was at a neighbors. The suspect was intoxicated and continued to make suicidal comments throughout his transport to the Merced County Juvenile Hall facility.

The suspect was medically cleared at the prior to transportation to Juvenile Hall. Mental Health was also made aware of the situation.

"I am very proud of the restraint and composure Officer Ulrich used in this situation. Too often officers are placed in situations where they are forced to make very difficult split second decisions."

-Chief of Police Chris Gallagher