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PRESS RELEASE

Drive-By Shooting

July 4, 2026

Case # 26-0341

Orland, CA — The Orland Police Department is investigating a drive-by shooting that occurred on July 4, 2026.

On July 4, 2026, at approximately 11:33 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Watts Avenue following reports of gunfire in the area. Upon arrival, officers located spent shell casings and discovered damage to a vehicle that is believed to have been struck by gunfire. A nearby residence was also struck by gunfire. No victims were located, and no injuries were reported.

Based on the preliminary investigation, this appears to be an isolated incident, and there is no known ongoing threat to the public at this time.

The suspect vehicle is described as a black or dark gray Mercedes-Benz, with the year and model currently unknown. The vehicle was possibly last seen traveling eastbound on Newport Avenue at a high rate of speed before possibly entering southbound Interstate 5.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact Officer Vargas with the Orland Police Department at (530) 865-1616. Callers may remain anonymous.

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