

**Lake County Sheriff's Office
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MEDIA RELEASE

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Wadsworth Deputy Involved Shooting *UPDATE*

On November 14, 2018, Angel X. Lopez, 23, of the 35800 block of North Wilson Road, Ingleside, was released from a local hospital and into the custody of the Lake County Sheriff's Office. Based on the actions of Lopez which occurred on November 2, 2018, Sheriff's Detectives obtained a warrant for Lopez for:

Attempt First Degree Murder (Class X Felony)
Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking (Class X Felony)
Armed Robbery (Class X Felony)
Armed Violence (Class X Felony)
Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon (Class 2 Felony)
Two Counts of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class 2 Felonies)
Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Vehicle (Class 2 Felony)
Aggravated Assault (Class 4 Felony)

Lopez was charged with Attempt First Degree Murder as he performed a substantial step toward the commission of attempting to kill a Lake County Sheriff's Deputy.

At the time of the incident, Lopez had an active arrest warrant for Escape (Class 3 Felony). In March of 2018, Lopez was sentenced by a Lake County Judge to 36 months of periodic imprisonment on a criminal charge. Lopez was ordered to return to Community Based Corrections (Work Release) each day, following his work-shift. On April 13, 2018, Lopez failed to return to Community Based Corrections and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Lopez remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$3,000,000.00 bond and is due to appear in court this morning for an initial court hearing in courtroom T110.

Sheriff Curran reminds the public the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

*****Original Media Release (below)*****

On November 2, 2018, at approximately 4:45AM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 13200 block of West Greenview Drive, Wadsworth, for a burglary in progress. The 911 caller indicated a man was attempting to burglarize her car.

Sheriff's Deputies, including a Canine Team, arrived and located the suspect in the area. The man ran from deputies. The man entered a running vehicle (warming-up) in a driveway in the 13300 block of West Greenview Drive. The vehicle he entered did not belong to him, but belonged to the homeowner. The suspect attempted escaping in the vehicle but crashed into a tree. The suspect brandished a pistol and one of the sheriff's deputies shot the man. The firearm was subsequently recovered from the suspect.

The man was transported to a local hospital in critical condition.

This appears to be an isolated incident and there is no active threat to the community.

Per protocol and state law, the Lake County Major Crime Task Force was requested to conduct an independent investigation of the officer-involved shooting.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

End of Release