

## San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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## **SYNOPSIS:**

On Friday, April 19 at about 1:40 pm, deputies assigned to the Fallbrook Substation responded to the 900 block of Santa Margarita Road in Fallbrook in response to a 12 year old female being shot. Deputies arrived and found the female conscious and alert with a single gunshot wound to the left shoulder area. Deputies applied first aid until fire personnel arrived. She was transported her via helicopter to Rady's Children Hospital shortly thereafter. The investigation concluded that her 12 year old male cousin had found his uncle's 9mm handgun inside of a motorhome which was parked in the driveway of the residence. The motorhome was being prepared for a family trip. While both were inside the motorhome, the male was handling the handgun when a single round was discharged. Deputies handling the initial investigation determined the shooting was accidental. Detectives are handling the follow-up investigation regarding the storage of the firearm and the circumstances of how it was obtained by the male juvenile. There are no outstanding suspects and no additional threat to the community.

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