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CHP identifies man shot, killed Tuesday

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A man with a San Francisco address on his drivers license, but believed to have been staying in the **Fresno** area, was named Friday as the pickup driver who was **shot** and killed this week by a California Highway Patrol officer.

David **Grajiola**, 36, was driving a Toyota pickup when two CHP officers, traveling together, stopped the pickup at Parkway Drive and Herndon Avenue in northwest **Fresno** shortly before 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to the CHP.

CHP spokesman Axel Reyes said the officers asked the dispatcher to check the license plate number and learned the truck was reported stolen.

Reyes said one of the officers, Steve Swanson, was reaching through an open door to arrest **Grajiola** when **Grajiola** put the pickup in reverse while Swanson was holding him.

Swanson was dragged a short distance before he let go of **Grajiola** and rolled away from the pickup. Reyes said **Grajiola** started to drive toward the second officer, Perry Miller, who **shot Grajiola**.

Swanson suffered scrapes to his knees and arms. Miller was not hurt.

Following standard procedures, Swanson and Miller are on paid administrative leave while the CHP decides whether they followed policy. At the same time, homicide detectives from the **Fresno** County Sheriff's Department and investigators from the **Fresno** County District Attorney's Office are reviewing whether the shooting was justified.

CHP Sgt. Ted Eichman said Friday that it would be some time before the investigations are completed.

A woman who was riding with **Grajiola**, Shana Hope Johnston, 25, of **Fresno** has not been charged in connection with the shooting. However, she was in **Fresno** County Jail on Friday on a no-bail state parole hold, according to jail records.

Eichman said he didn't know the relationship, if any, between Johnston and **Grajiola**.

Sheriff's detectives were not available to comment.

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