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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Two Arrested in connection with felony menacing and officer-involved shooting**

(Grand Junction, CO) – Two Grand Junction men have been arrested in connection with a felony menacing incident at 2852 ½ Belford Avenue #2 and an officer-involved shooting at 2837 North Avenue. Both incidents occurred shortly before 2:00 a.m. this morning, October 16, 2007.

**Marcos Joel Mendoza**, age 21 (DOB: 07-20-86), who was arrested at El Palomino Hotel, 2400 North Avenue, and booked into the Mesa County Jail on 1st Degree Burglary (3F) and Felony Menacing (5F).

An arrest warrant has been obtained for **Omar Infante-Ortiz**, age 25 (DOB: 07-04-82), on 1st Degree Burglary (3F), Felony Menacing (5F), 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assault on a Peace Officer (3F), Reckless Endangerment (3M), and Prohibited Use of Weapon (2M).

A preliminary investigation shows that shortly before 2:00 a.m., Mendoza and Infante-Ortiz unlawfully entered the victims' home at 2852 ½ Belford Avenue #2, and placed them in fear for their lives. Infante-Ortiz brandished a handgun and discharged a round at the Belford address and later brandished a handgun at GJPD officers at 2837 North Avenue. Infante-Ortiz was shot by a GJPD officer after being contacted at the North Avenue location.

As is standard procedure in officer-involved shootings, all four officers present at the shooting were placed on routine administrative leave. Also following standard procedure, the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Critical Incident team was activated to examine today's incidents. The CIT is a multi-agency team of local law enforcement officers in Mesa County that provide additional resources and personnel to investigate incidents with special circumstances, such as officer-involved shootings.

The investigation is on-going.

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