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## Police identify officers who shot DUI suspect

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ESCONDIDO: The names of two officers involved in the shooting of a drunken-driving suspect who authorities say had two handguns were released by Escondido police yesterday.

Officers John Mougier and Edward Varso shot David Charles Phillips 44, of Escondido after he failed to pull over and led officers on a chase of several miles Friday night, Escondido police Lt. Bob Benton said.

Mougier has been on the force 23 years. Varso is a canine officer who has been with the department seven years and spent three years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The chase began at Del Dios Highway and Valley Parkway about 10 p.m. and ended on Gamble Lane near Felicita Road, Benton said.

Both officers got out of their vehicles and opened fire after Phillips pointed a gun at them from inside the truck, Benton said.

Phillips was hit several times, Benton said. He declined to say whether Phillips shot at the officers or how many bullets they fired.

Phillips, a felon, will be charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer, possession of methamphetamine, being under the influence of a controlled substance and felony drunken driving.

He remained at a hospital and was expected to be arraigned later this week. Police found two loaded handguns in the truck, Benton said.

Both officers are on routine administrative leave. The District Attorney's Office will investigate the shooting. —D.F.B.

### **Meth-user probation sweep yields 13 arrests**

ESCONDIDO: County probation officers and city police arrested 13 people yesterday during a probation sweep in Escondido of offenders with a history of methamphetamine use.

The sweep began at 7 a.m. Twenty probationers were contacted during the operation, which was carried out by six law enforcement teams. Those arrested were taken to the Vista Detention Facility.

Eight of the 13 arrested are being charged with new felonies, including six for possession of drugs, one for possession of brass knuckles and one for possession of illegal ammunition.

During the sweep, officers confiscated 4 grams of meth, 1 gram of cocaine, nearly 4 ounces of crack cocaine, knives, a machete, an air gun and drug paraphernalia. —S.S.

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## ESCONDIDO: 13 arrested in probation sweep

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ESCONDIDO----Thirteen people were arrested Wednesday in a compliance check of probationers with a history of methamphetamine use, authorities said.

Five armed probation officers and one Escondido police officer began the check of 20 probationers at 7 a.m., County Probation Department spokesman Derryl Acosta said. Eight people arrested will be charged with new felonies, including six for drug possession, Acosta said. Three arrests were for probation violations including possessing alcohol and possessing marijuana. Two of the people arrested had warrants for failing to check in with probation.

Officers confiscated four grams of meth, one gram of cocaine, 3.75 ounces of crack, a machete, an air gun, drug paraphernalia and pornography, Acosta said.

All of the people arrested were booked into the Vista Detention Facility, he said.