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DRIVE-BY SHOOTING LEADS TO ARREST OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN—On June 22, 2025, at approximately 1:20 pm, Putnam County Sheriff's Deputy Dustin Cravens was dispatched to Rock Springs Rd in response to a report of gunshots. The caller reported hearing approximately five gunshots coming from a residence located across the street from her home. She also noted that the home should have been unoccupied, as the previous resident had recently passed away.

Deputy Cravens then went across the street and observed what appeared to be 6 total bullet holes in the front of the residence. Deputy Cravens then interviewed additional witnesses, who confirmed hearing the gunfire and reported seeing a Black Vehicle leaving the area at a high rate of speed. Deputies were able to gain access to enter the home where they recovered the bullets to help identify what type of firearm was used during the shooting.

While the initial investigation was underway, the Baxter Police Department conducted a traffic stop on Birdwell Ln in Baxter, TN. During the stop, the driver consented to a vehicle search, which led to the discovery of 17 spent shell casings—matching the caliber recovered from the Rock Springs Rd scene. Deputies also located a .300 blackout AR-style rifle discarded in the roadway nearby on Birdwell Ln. The driver of the vehicle, who identified himself as **Felipe Ruyz Pacheco**, admitted to firing the rifle at the residence and discarding the weapon out of his vehicle window. He also confirmed all shell casings found in the vehicle were from his firearm.

Felipe Ruyz Pacheco was taken into custody and charged with Reckless Endangerment, Fabricating/Tampering with Evidence, and Vandalism. **Pacheco** is being held without bond and has a court date of June 25, 2025. Through our I.C.E. (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) investigation, it was discovered that **Pacheco** is in the United States illegally. At this time, it is unknown if the name he provided is his true identity.

Sheriff Farris said, "This case highlights why it is essential that we work with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.). When someone enters this country illegally, then they commit a serious crime, and when their identity is unknown, that poses a real threat to public safety. This is the second time in recent weeks we've had an illegal immigrant involved in a violent crime in Putnam County. For this reason, it is imperative that we work with I.C.E. and our federal partners to get the violent criminals who are illegal immigrants off the streets and out of Putnam County."

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