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Man Shooting Weapon Taken into Custody in Sequoia National Park

On November 25, 2010, at approximately 2:00 p.m., park staff encountered a man speeding into the park through the exit side of the Ash Mountain entrance station in Sequoia National Park in Three Rivers, CA. Law enforcement rangers responded and found the man near the Ash Mountain Visitor Center where other park staff had encountered him a few minutes earlier. When the law enforcement ranger arrived, the suspect threw the pistol to the ground. Additional rangers arrived on scene within moments, and the suspect was taken into custody without further incident. After further investigation, it was found that the suspect had discharged at least eight rounds in the vicinity of the Visitor Center area while shouting about the end of the world and Armageddon. The suspect, a 42-year-old male from the Sacramento, California, area, was transported to a local hospital and held for psychiatric evaluation. In addition, rangers found drug paraphernalia and approximately 10 pounds of packaged and processed marijuana (valued at approximately \$35,000) in the suspect's vehicle.

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