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10-YEAR OLD HOSPITALIZED AFTER BEING SHOT BY HIGH POWERED PELLET GUN

On Saturday March 2, 2019, at around 6:11 pm, the Coalinga Fire Department was dispatched to the 200 block of El Camino on a report of a 10-year old suffering from a head wound. At approximately 10:15 pm, the Coalinga Police Department was contacted by Valley Children's Hospital staff, advising the child had a possible self-inflicted BB-gun shot to his head. It was determined that the projectile was lodged deep inside the juvenile's brain.

Officers from the Coalinga Police Department arrived at Valley Children's Hospital and were told the 10-year old was in the Intensive Care Unit, in stable condition. The child's father was at the hospital and was not cooperating with officers.

Further investigation was done and a search warrant for the location of the incident was prepared. At 6:49 a.m., officers respond back to the 200 block of El Camino and executed the search warrant. A search of the residence was conducted, and a high-powered pellet gun was located. Occupants of the house were interviewed, and a 11-year old juvenile admitted to accidentally shooting the 10-year old cousin in the head while they were playing with the pellet gun in the garage.

No charges have been filed at this time. An interview with the 10-year old victim will be done once the doctor's clear him to speak with officers.