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At about 9:30 this morning, Marin County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Kirby was involved in a serious off-duty vehicle accident. He was driving with his wife, his 5 year-old son and a 5 year-old friend of the family. A large oak tree fell and struck the Kirby's truck. Deputy Kirby suffered serious injuries and remains in critical condition at the hospital. His 5 year old son was killed. His wife suffered only minor injuries and the other child in the truck was not injured.

Obviously, the men and women of the Marin County Sheriff's Office are in a state of shock and sadness. Deputy Kirby is a distinguished peace officer who has served with both the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office and the Marin County Sheriff's Office. He is well liked and respected by his peers. We are all overcome with grief at the loss he and his family have suffered.

Mike and his family are in our thoughts and prayers. We look forward to his full recovery and we will stand with them through their suffering and loss.

The Marin County Deputy Sheriffs' Association has established an account for anyone wishing to donate to the Kirby family. Checks and money orders can be sent to:

Marin County Deputy Sheriffs' Association
C/O Marin County Federal Credit Union
Kirby Family Account #11597
P.O. Box 4218
San Rafael, CA 94913

The Marin County Sheriff's Office would like to thank everyone who has already expressed their condolences and support.