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UPDATE: Man in Custody After Shooting Pleasanton Resident

The Pleasanton Police Department is actively investigating the shooting that occurred on Saturday, July 26, 2025, in which a 71-year-old Pleasanton resident suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The victim is currently in stable condition.

While Pleasanton detectives continue to diligently review and gather information, preliminary findings indicate that the incident stemmed from a report of possible animal abuse at the victim's residence. According to witness statements, the suspect, Joshua Kaplan, went to the victim's home to confront him regarding the alleged abuse. It is unclear what happened during the initial confrontation that led to Kaplan shooting the victim at least six times. At some point the victim retrieved a shotgun. However, it does not appear the victim fired his weapon. When police officers arrived on scene, Kaplan surrendered without incident and the victim received immediate medical assistance.

Officers continue to investigate the animal abuse allegations. The dog involved was taken to the East County Animal Shelter while the investigation continues.

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