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Gersh

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JOE GERSH has been named director of sales at Bakersfield ABC affiliate KERO, and **BILLY SMITH** has been appointed the station's local sales manager. Before joining KERO, which is owned by The E.W. Scripps Co., Gersh worked for five years with Clear Channel Media, where he led sales in local, national, digital, mobile and events for a cluster of radio stations. He earned a bachelor's degree at Michigan State University and has completed media management education programs.



Smith

Smith has worked in the Bakersfield market for 14 years, first as a radio account executive for American General Media, then as promotions and marketing direc-

tor for Clear Channel Radio. He earned a bachelor's degree in communications at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania, where he worked in front of and behind the camera in television production as well as at the campus radio station.

DAVID K. COHN and **JAMES A. YORO** have been named 2016 Super Lawyers by Southern California Super Lawyers Magazine. Both men are lawyers at the Bakersfield law firm Chain Cohn Stiles. This is Cohn's fifth consecutive year on the list, and Yoro's first. Cohn specializes in personal injury, wrongful death and other accident cases.

Yoro manages the firm's workers' compensation department.



Cohn



Yoro

CHP officers shoot suspect after pursuit

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Officers with the California Highway Patrol shot and caused major injuries to a suspect who reportedly brandished a weapon at them early Sunday near Weedpatch Highway and Farmers Lane, the Kern County Sheriff's Office reported.

A department news release said CHP officers had been pursuing the suspect's vehicle until it stopped about 4 a.m. at a dead end on Farmers Lane.

That's when the suspect brandished the weapon at the officers and they shot the

person, according to the 6:17 p.m. news release.

The officers were not injured and the suspect was taken to Kern Medical, the sheriff's office reported. It said the CHP asked the department to investigate the shooting, and that the investigation was ongoing.

The department did not identify the officers or the suspect, and no update on the person's medical condition was provided.

Anyone with information on the incident was urged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 861-3110.

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