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Today, officers attempted to arrest 41-year old Gabriel Flores, a wanted and known gang member. Flores had stopped reporting to his parole officer and had a warrant for his arrest earlier this month. The incident began when an officer spotted Flores at a home on Linden Street and attempted to detain him. Flores ran from the officer who pursued him on foot for several minutes until finally catching up to him.

A struggle ensued as our officer attempted to safely detain Flores. During the struggle, Flores violently fought and resisted arrest, injuring the officer after punching him in the face and head. Flores viciously attacked our officer for several minutes until additional officers arrived on scene and took him into custody without further incident.

Both Flores and the injured officer were treated for minor injuries sustained during the violent attack. Flores was cleared by medical staff at a local hospital, he was arrested for violating parole and will be charged with battery on a law enforcement officer, resist and obstruct, and eluding.

This use of force incident will be investigated and evaluated to ensure it meets or exceeds the high standards expected of all Caldwell Police officers.

“Stop attacking our officers! Enough is enough! Everyday across this country, police officers fall victim to violent attacks. The violence against the men and women of law enforcement is an attack on the foundation of our communities and a stain on society. Our brave heroes don’t get paid to be victims. They are paid to protect and serve!,” said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.