



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF CRIME: Felony Domestic Violence
LOCATION: 800 block of El Cerrito Way, Gilroy
VICTIM: Withheld

CASE #: 11-1679
DATE: 04/13/2011
TIME: 0800 hours

SUSPECT#1: Garcia, Justino, 35 year old, Gilroy Resident

BOOKING CHARGES: PC 273.5(a), PC 12025(a), PC 12316(b)(1), HS 11377(a), & PC 12021(a)

Details

On April 12, 2011, the victim contacted the Gilroy Police Department to report a sexual assault / domestic violence incident that occurred in the 800 block of El Cerrito Way, Gilroy. The victim reported that the suspect was in possession of a firearm. The victim sustained serious, but non-life threatening injuries during the assault. During the preliminary investigation, Gilroy Police Detectives identified the suspect as Justino Garcia. Additional information corroborated that Garcia was in possession of a firearm, had a propensity for violence and was a prior deported felon.

During the morning of April 13, 2011, the Gilroy PD/Morgan Hill PD Regional SWAT Team was called upon to execute the arrest of Garcia - due to the violent nature of the crime and other safety factors. SWAT Officers, in cooperation with investigating Detectives, were able to arrest Garcia near his residence without incident.

During the arrest, Garcia - a felon - was found to be in possession of methamphetamine, a firearm and ammunition. The investigation remains on-going and additional charges may be sought by the district attorney's office at a future date. Garcia was interviewed by Detectives and later booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail.

The Gilroy Police Department is proud that this incident was resolved without incident. The arrest of the suspect demonstrates the department's commitment to our community's safety and quality of life.

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BY: Sgt. Gallacinao
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