



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF CRIMES:

Shooting at an inhabited dwelling
Participation in a gang related crime
Possession of a sawed off shotgun
Possession of a concealed firearm in a vehicle (pistol)
Reckless Driving
Driving without a license

CASE NUMBER: 11-4096

LOCATION: 900 Block of Montebello Dr.

DATE: 09/23/11

SUSPECT #1: Jose A. Lopez

DOB: 04/06/92

SUSPECT #2: John Carlos Castro

DOB: 05/05/93

SUSPECT #3: Withheld (Juvenile)

AGE: 15

ADDRESS: Gilroy residents

Details:

On September 23, 2011 at 1751 hours a shooting occurred in the 900 block of Montebello Dr. At about the same time, members of the Anti-Crime Team were in the area and responded. They saw the suspects in a vehicle leaving the immediate area. The suspects ultimately stopped in a commercial center near First St. and Wren Ave. Officers detained the suspects at the scene without incident.

It was learned that multiple rounds were fired in the quad area of the apartment complex. It is very fortunate that nobody was struck by gunfire. Numerous neighbors, including children were outside and in the area at the time of shooting. This demonstration of bold and reckless behavior is unparalleled in our community. The location is a high density housing area. This took place in the afternoon with no regard for anyone's safety.

It was determined that the victim is a member of a rival gang. Firearms and other evidence have been recovered from the suspects. The Anti-Crime Team is managing this investigation. It will be presented to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office Gang Unit for prosecution. The suspects have been booked into the County Jail on the listed charges. Participation in a gang crime, while armed and discharging a firearm may expose the suspects to additional enhancements if convicted. Bail has not been set at this time. A magistrate will determine the appropriate bail amount upon review of the facts of the case.

Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to call the Gilroy Police Department at (408) 846-0350.

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