



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF CRIME: Att. Murder of an Ofcr w/ Firearm **CASE #:** 11-1783
LOCATION: 1400 block of Ousley Drive, Gilroy **DATE:** 04/19/2011
SUSPECT: Escalante, Huriel; 36 year old; Gilroy Resident **TIME:** 1125 Hrs

DETAILS

On April 19, 2011 at approximately 1122 hours, the Gilroy Police Department received a call from a resident in the 1400 block of Ousely Drive, Gilroy. The resident reported that the suspect (a co-resident) was distraught and brandished a handgun at other occupants inside of the residence. The residents complied with Gilroy PD requests to exit the residence for their safety – while leaving the distraught suspect isolated inside.

Gilroy Police Officers arrived at the scene, contacted the residents (victims), evacuated nearby residences, secured the area and directed a lock-down of nearby elementary schools. Officers then attempted to establish communication with the suspect. The suspect exited the residence as officers were attempting to establish contact with him. The suspect fired one round from his handgun while he was in the backyard of the residence. The shot was not directed at any person or officer. After, the suspect returned into the residence.

A short time later, the suspect quickly exited the front of the residence, fired one round at nearby officers and quickly returned into the residence. Officers were unable to safely return fire to stop the suspect's life threatening actions. Officers continued to attempt contact with the suspect and a short time later the suspect complied with police orders. The suspect exited the residence unarmed and with his hands in sight. Officers took the suspect into custody without any further incident.

The suspect's actions were unpredictable and hostile. The Gilroy Police Department is pleased that all of the department's action and safety precautions resolved this incident without injury to the officers, neighbors, the suspect or the residents of the household.

This incident is actively being investigated by Gilroy Police Detectives.

The suspect was later booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail for three counts of PC 664/187 – Attempted murder of a police officer.

For any media inquiries please call (408) 846-0347.

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BY: Sgt. Gallacinao
DATE: April 19, 2011

