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Active Shooter – Gilroy Garlic Festival

Gilroy, CA – We have had an active shooter incident at the Gilroy Garlic Festival late this afternoon. Gilroy Police and city officials are asking the public to avoid Christmas Hill Park, as the Gilroy Police Department is currently investigating the incident.

Sadly, in the shooting today 15 people were injured and four people, including the shooter, have succumbed to their wounds. With regard to the shooter, Gilroy police engaged and killed the armed individual. He was carrying an assault-type rifle. Witnesses indicated there may have been a second suspect and a search is underway for that person.

City of Gilroy Mayor Roland Velasco said, “this is a tragic incident for our community. On behalf of the City and the Gilroy City Council our thoughts and prayers go out the victims and families.”

This is an unfolding situation, Gilroy Police Department with the assistance of regional law enforcement agencies are on scene and currently investigating. The public is urged to avoid the area.

A reunification site has been established at Gavilan College (5055 Santa Teresa Blvd, Gilroy, CA 95020). A reunification telephone number has been established (408) 846-0584.

Also, a witness tip hotline has been established. Any individual that may have witnessed the incident or has information to share are encouraged to call (408) 846-0583.

A media line has been established at (408) 842-0432.

Additionally, there were rumors in the media that there was a second incident at Christopher High School. These rumors are unfounded. There is no incident at Christopher High.

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