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PRESS RELEASE

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Assault with a Firearm

Chico, CA – Two victims were walking south on Normal St. when a vehicle drove by and an occupant of the vehicle verbally challenged the victims. An occupant in the vehicle discharged a firearm at the victims. One of the victims was struck in the leg, but the other victim was not hit by gunfire. Several vehicles parked in the nearby city parking lot were struck by gunfire. The victim's wound was not life threatening. Chico PD detectives have taken over this investigation.

Date: 02-28-19

UPDATE

This incident occurred on 02-23-19 at 12:45 AM near the intersection of Normal Ave and W 2nd St. The victim who suffered a single gunshot wound to his leg was treated and released from a local hospital that same day and is still recovering from his injuries. Right after the incident, officers collected information about a possible suspect vehicle that was described as a Red Camaro with racing stripes. The vehicle description was immediately provided to other law enforcement agencies in the area.

At approximately 2:00 AM, Chico PD dispatch were contacted by CHP and Orland PD reporting that they had located a red Camaro with racing stripes. The vehicle had been involved in a collision in the City of Orland and the driver was arrested for DUI and additional charges. Chico Police Detectives were called out to continue with the investigation. With the assistance of those agencies, detectives were able to link evidence that was located inside the vehicle to evidence that was located at the crime scene in Chico. After interviewing both victims and multiple witnesses, detectives determined that the driver of the Camaro was the suspect in the shooting. This subject was identified as 25 year old Jose Santana-Cuevas.

It was later discovered that Santana-Cuevas got into an altercation with another unknown subject inside a nearby bar. After the altercation, all the parties involved were escorted out of the bar including Santana-Cuevas. It is believed a short time later, as the victims walked home, Santana-Cuevas drove his vehicle towards the victims firing multiple rounds at them, striking one of the victims in the leg and striking multiple vehicles in the area. It was determined that both victims knew Santana-Cuevas and were inside the bar with him earlier in the night. Detectives are still trying to determine why this shooting occurred.

Santana-Cuevas was subsequently picked up from Glenn County Jail on 02-27-19 and transported to Butte County Jail where he faces multiple charges, too include attempted homicide and assault with a deadly weapon.

Location: Normal Ave/W. 2nd St.

Date/Time: 2/23/19 12:45 AM

Victim: Withheld

Suspect: 25 year old Jose Santana-Cuevas, Yuba City Resident

Supervisor: Sgt. Scott Harris

