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**UPDATE**

**Armed Robbery With A Firearm Arrest**

UPDATE – On November 3, 2023 at approximately 4:28 pm several subjects committed an armed robbery with a firearm at the Macy's, Del Monte Center in Monterey. Monterey Police Department (MPD) officers immediately located the vehicle the suspect's were driving and the suspects led the officers on a twenty-two minute pursuit. At the termination of the pursuit four suspects fled on foot. Officers from Monterey PD, California Highway Patrol and the Salinas PD all assisted and took three suspects into custody. The fourth suspect was not located at that time.

Since the date of the crime, MPD Detectives worked with other law enforcement agencies to identify and locate the fourth suspect. With the assistance of the Monterey County Probation Department, MPD Detectives identified the outstanding suspect as Celso Suarez-Lopez, 20, of Greenfield.

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, Greenfield Police Officers located and arrested Suarez-Lopez in Greenfield and notified the Monterey Police Department. The MPD responded to Greenfield and took custody of Suarez-Lopez. The MPD booked Suarez-Lopez into Monterey County Jail for violations of California Penal Code (PC) 211 – Robbery, 182(a)(1) PC – Conspiracy, 29800(a)(1) PC – Felon in possession of a firearm, 1203.2 PC – Violation of Probation and 69 PC – Obstructing a Peace Officer.

The original media release with information related to this incident is listed below:

On Friday, November 3, 2023, at approximately 4:28 p.m., Monterey Police Department (MPD) Officers were dispatched to the Del Monte Shopping center for a robbery that had just occurred. A loss prevention officer at Macy's reported that a group of suspects were stealing merchandise and pointed a handgun at him when he tried to intervene. The stolen merchandise was valued at over \$1,500. The suspects then fled the area in a maroon Honda Accord.

MPD Officers and Detectives arrived in the area within minutes and located the suspect vehicle traveling on Munras Avenue. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle and the driver did not yield and a twenty-two minute pursuit ensued. The pursuit went through downtown Monterey, onto Highway 1 North, through the East Garrison area onto W. Blanco and into the City of Salinas. The suspects fled from their vehicle in the area of Buena Vista and Park Street in Salinas. Three suspects were taken into custody after police pursued them on foot. The MPD and allied law enforcement agencies are working together to identify other subjects that may have been involved in this and other similar crimes.

All of the law enforcement agencies in Monterey County work hand-in-hand to address crime and in this case violent crime related to retail theft that has become rampant in our State. The Salinas Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Pacific Grove Police Department, Monterey County Sheriff's Department, Seaside Police Department, Marina Police Department, Sand City Police Department, CSUMB Police Department and Del Rey Oaks Police Department all assisted in the coordination and various aspects of the pursuit and capture of these violent suspects.

David Rangel, 21, of Salinas was arrested for violations of California Penal Code (PC) 211 – Robbery, 182(a)(1) PC – Conspiracy, 29180(c) PC – Possession of an unserialized firearm, and a violation of Health and Safety Code (HS) 11350(a) – Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Rangel was transported to and booked in the Monterey County Jail. His bail was set at \$92,500.

Bryin Guzman, 20, of Salinas was arrested for violations of California vehicle Code (CVC) 2800.2(a) – Evading a Peace Officer, 2800.4(A) CVC – Driving on the wrong side of the road while evading a Peace Officer, California Penal Code (PC) 182(a)(1) – Conspiracy, and 3455(a) PC – Post Release Community Supervision Violation.

Guzman was transported to and booked in the Monterey County Jail. His bail was set at \$30,000

Antonio Sotelo, 21, of Salinas was arrested for a violation of California Penal Code(PC) 148(a)(1) – Obstructing a Peace Officer.

Sotelo was transported to the Monterey City Jail before being released on a citation.

Anyone with information regarding this or other related incidents is encouraged to contact Detective Sabrina Perez at 831-646-3811 or [perez@monterey.org](mailto:perez@monterey.org) To remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840.