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Assault With a Deadly Weapon, Child Endangerment, and Hit and Run
Resulting in Injury - Arrest

On Friday, February 9, 2024, at approximately 8:22 p.m., Monterey Police Department (MPD) officers were dispatched to the Del Monte Shopping Center parking lot, in reference to a hit-and-run injury accident involving a vehicle that hit a juvenile on a bicycle. The involved vehicle fled the scene prior to police arrival. Witnesses provided MPD officers with the identification of the suspect and a description of the vehicle involved in the hit-and-run accident. MPD officers determined that the suspect worked as a security guard at the Del Monte Shopping Center, but was not on duty at the time of the incident. The investigation revealed that the suspect intentionally hit the juvenile victim with his vehicle because the victim and his friends refused to leave the Del Monte Shopping Center parking lot.

As a result of the collision, the victim suffered a serious, but non-life threatening injury. The investigation revealed Stephen Hermida, 28 years old, of Salinas, intentionally hit the victim with his vehicle, causing injury to the victim.

On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at approximately 11:50 a.m., MPD officers contacted Hermida and arrested him for the following charges: 245(a)(1) PC – Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 20001(B)(1) CVC – Hit and Run Resulting in Injury, and 273a(a) PC – Child Endangerment. Hermida was transported to and booked into the Monterey County Jail. His bail was set at \$50,000.

Anyone with information regarding this incident are encouraged to contact Sergeant Greg Galin at 831-646-3872 or galin@monterey.org. To remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840

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