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Shooting Suspect Arrested

DATE / TIME: 6/30/18 at 6:47 PM **CASE #:** 18-05620

CRIME LOCATION: 200 Block of Jolon Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076

ARREST LOCATION: 0-100 Block of Rockins Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076

TYPE OF CRIME:

664/ 187 PC Attempted Murder	Felony
246 PC Shooting at a Residence	Felony
12022.1 PC Felony Committed While on Bail	Felony
12022 (a) (1) PC Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony	Felony

SUSPECT ARRESTED:

Irvin Chavez, 20 years old, Watsonville Resident

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

On 6/30/18 at around 6:47 P.M., deputies were called to the 200 block of Jolon Drive for a shooting that had just occurred. Deputies arrived and learned a teal Honda CRV with 2-4 suspects had followed the victim's vehicle to a home on Jolon Drive. As the two victims got out of their car, they were confronted by an armed suspect. The suspect began to fire a handgun in the direction of the victims who fled into a nearby residence for protection. The two victims and people inside the home were uninjured.

The vehicle driven by the suspects fled on Jolon Drive towards Hathaway Avenue and were not immediately located. Crime Scene Investigators processed the scene for forensic evidence. Sheriff's Detectives began working on leads and were able to identify 20-year-old Irvin Chavez as the suspect who fired his handgun at the victims.

Today, Detectives were able to obtain an arrest warrant for Chavez's and he taken into custody without incident around 2:20PM in the 0-100 block of Rockins Lane.

Chavez was booked into jail on charges of attempted murder, shooting at an occupied residence, committing a felony while out on bail, and using a firearm in the commission of a felony. His bail was set at \$250,000 dollars.

The motive for the shooting is still under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Jacob Ainsworth at (831) 454-7640.

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