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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: 05/26/2021
To: San Diego Media
From: Chula Vista Police Department
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Subject: Attempt Homicide- 600 Palomar Street

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Today, Chula Vista Police Department announced the arrest of Alfonso Hernandez Jr. (20-years old) for a believed gang related shooting that occurred on May 1st, 2021 in the 600 block of Palomar Street in Chula Vista. The Chula Vista Police Department originally responded to a report of a group of males fighting and gunshots in the shopping center. When officers arrived on scene, they learned the two groups of males fled the scene on foot.

During the investigation, officers learned an uninvolved vehicle was struck several times by stray bullets fired by Hernandez, nearly striking a mother and her three children ages 2,6, and 9 years old who were in the vehicle. The children suffered minor injuries due to shattered glass. Two the of the children were treated at the scene by paramedics and the other was transported to a local hospital and later released.

A short time later, Chula Vista Police Department Officers were called to a local hospital reference a victim who had been shot in the hand. It was later determined the victim had been one of the subjects involved in the fight. Based on this information, Detectives identified and arrested Andrew Ruvalcaba (20- years old) for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and illegally possessing a firearm related to this incident.

Detectives continued to investigate the case and identified Hernandez as an attempt homicide suspect. In conjunction with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, Detectives from the crimes of violence unit were granted an arrest warrant for Hernandez with the charge of Attempted Homicide.

On May 25th, 2021 the Chula Vista Police Department with the assistance of the San Diego Regional Fugitive Task Force located and arrested Hernandez. During the arrest, law enforcement seized three firearms, one of which was a "ghost gun" and another documented as stolen.

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Hernandez was booked into the San Diego County jail on the charge of Attempted Homicide. Media are instructed to direct all inquiries to PIO Lt. Dan Peak @ 619-585-5670.