



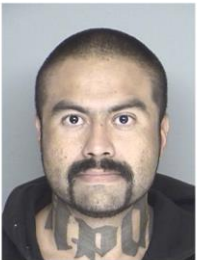
Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Kelly Hoover
Public Information Officer
(805) 681-4192

Date: 11/21/2013
Time: 4:15 p.m.

Updated News Release

Second Suspect from Stabbing and High Speed Chase Arrested



Santa Maria- At approximately 8:45 a.m. this morning, November 21, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Detectives assisted by the Sheriff's Special Enforcement Team surrounded two homes in the Santa Maria area where they had information that a fugitive may be hiding out. Sheriff's Detectives with the North County Criminal Investigations Bureau have been investigating the whereabouts of 35 year old Osvaldo Hernandez, a documented gang member, wanted in connection with a stabbing outside the Chumash Casino on November 6 and for evading Sheriff's Deputies who attempted to pull him over when a Sheriff's Deputy

discovered him driving in the Santa Maria area. After a high speed chase that ended in a crash and the arrest of the passenger, who was the other suspect wanted in connection with the stabbing, Hernandez ran from Sheriff's Deputies and despite a massive search to find him, he was not located.

Through the course of the investigation, Sheriff's Detectives and Special Enforcement Team members today simultaneously responded to two possible locations where Hernandez might be located. One residence was located in the 1800 block of Flora Way and the other was located in the 200 block of Inger Drive. Hernandez was located at the residence on Inger Drive. When he saw that Sheriff's Deputies were at the door, he ran out the back and was apprehended in the back courtyard area and was taken into custody, at gunpoint, by Special Enforcement Team members.

Osvaldo was subsequently transported to the Santa Barbara County Jail. He was booked on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, robbery, a gang enhancement, kidnapping and attempted homicide. He was on parole for resisting arrest and assault with a deadly weapon. Hernandez is being held on one million dollars bail.

One Suspect Arrested, Another Still at Large after a High Speed Chase **The Parolee is Also Wanted in Connection with a Stabbing**

Santa Maria- The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office is searching for a parolee wanted in connection with a stabbing that occurred just after midnight, on November 6, outside of the Chumash Casino. The victim, a Nipomo resident, was stabbed several times while inside a vehicle on the Indian Reservation. He also had his cell phone and wallet stolen. The victim, who was left on the roadway by the suspects, went to the lobby of the Chumash Casino for help and was transported by paramedics to a local hospital with serious injuries. Sheriff's Deputies searched for the suspect vehicle and the two subjects wanted in connection with the stabbing but were not able to locate them.

Through the course of the investigation, Sheriff's Detectives located the suspects in the Santa Maria area. At around, 5:45 p.m. last night, November 6, the suspects were discovered driving westbound on East Donovan Road. The vehicle, which was also reported stolen, turned onto Highway 101 and headed northbound. Sheriff's Deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, but the driver refused to pull over and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit reached speeds of more than 100 miles an hour, went on and off Highway 101 both northbound and southbound and crossed into San Luis Obispo County. At that point, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Deputies came in to assist.

The pursuit was called off due to public safety concerns when the suspect exited 4th Avenue in Grover Beach. The driver hit a parked vehicle at 4th Avenue and Park View and then the suspects abandoned the vehicle in the area of 6th Avenue and Park View. The suspects fled and a foot chase ensued. The female suspect, 29 year old Cherie Rodriguez of Arroyo Grande, was apprehended and arrested. Law enforcement personnel searched the area for the male suspect, 35 year old Osvaldo Hernandez of Santa Maria for several hours but were not able to locate him.

Hernandez is a documented gang member who has a history of violence. He is on parole for assault with a deadly weapon, violation of a criminal street gang act and being a felon in possession of a firearm. If you see Hernandez, do not approach him but call 9-1-1. If you have any information regarding Hernandez' whereabouts or the crimes he is associated with, please contact the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Detectives Bureau in Santa Maria at 805-934-6170 or to leave an anonymous tip call 805-681-4171.

Rodriguez is charged with robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. She is in custody at the Santa Barbara County Jail and is being held on \$150,000 bail.

###