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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TYPE OF INCIDENT: HOMICIDE

LOCATION: 702 So. First St., King City

DATE OF INCIDENT: July 1, 2015 9:10 p.m.

VICTIM: Michael Anthony Benavides, 29 yrs. of age

On July 1, 2015 at approximately 9:10 pm, officers from the King City Police Department were dispatched to 702 So. First St., regarding a shooting. Upon arrival officers located Michael Anthony Benavides, who had suffered numerous gunshot wounds, in his car. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. Monterey County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol assisted with crime scene security.

During the initial investigation information was obtained that there had been three suspicious subjects loitering in the area just prior to the shooting. During the ongoing investigation information was gathered that led to a possible suspect.

On Monday, August 17, 2015, Investigator Allen Rowe arrested a male juvenile, 15 yrs. of age, for his role in the homicide. He will be charged with Murder, Conspiracy to Commit Murder, Gang Enhancements. He has been lodged in the Monterey County Juvenile Hall. Due to the ongoing nature of the investigation no further information will be provided at this time.

The King City Police Department is actively pursuing this investigation. Anyone with further information in regards to this case is encouraged to call the King City Police Department at (831) 386-5980 or the WeTip line at 1-800-78-CRIME. Any further media inquiries regarding this press release should be directed to Investigator Allen Rowe, at (831) 386-5956.

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