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PRESS RELEASE **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Assault with Weapon Producing Great Bodily Injury
Mayhem
Use of Firearm in Commission of Crime
Commission of Crime to Benefit Criminal Street Gang

DATE: 06/22/17

CASE NUMBER: 16-0951

DEFENDANTS: Victor Manuel Reyes, 29 yrs., King City, Ca.



Placido Omar Casas, 20 yrs., King City, Ca.



Synopsis:

On 06/21/2017, Victor Manuel Reyes (29 yrs. of age), and Placido Omar Casas (20 yrs. of age) both from King City pled guilty to various charges stemming from a gang related shooting in August 2016. Both will be sentenced on July 26, 2017.

Victor Manuel Reyes pled guilty to Assault with Deadly Weapon, Use of Firearm in Commission of Crime, Commission of Crime for benefit of Criminal Street Gang, prior strike enhancement. He will be sentenced to 23 yrs. in state prison.

Placido Omar Casas pled guilty to Mayhem and Commission of Crime for benefit of Criminal Street Gang. He will be sentenced to 15 yrs. in state prison.

Background:

On Saturday, 08/05/2016, at approximately 6:30 p.m., a 16 yr. old female and her male friend left a memorial gathering that had been taking place for a friend who was killed in a recent gang homicide. As they drove toward Hwy. 101 a small brown pickup began following them. As the teenagers turned onto the onramp to N/B 101 at Canal St., one of the occupants of the truck, began firing at their car. The 16 yr. old female was struck once in the head and was flown to a trauma center in San Jose. Investigators were able to identify Victor Reyes and Placido Casas as being responsible for the shooting, and both were taken into custody within 30 minutes of the shooting. They are both Sureno criminal street gang members from King City.

This could not have been possible without the help of citizens who reported two suspicious subjects in their neighborhood abandoning a small brown truck with two flat tires. Unbeknownst to them, the subjects were suspects in the shooting which had just occurred.

The 16 yr. old young lady miraculously survived the shooting but has lost sight in her left eye. She is a brave young woman, and has resumed her studies to graduate from high school.

Chief Robert Masterson believes this case is an example of how police and community members working together can bring individuals to justice who chose to prey on our community. Chief Masterson would like to thank the California Highway Patrol, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, the Greenfield Police Department for responding to assist the night of the incident, and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office for prosecution of this case.

For any questions pertaining to this press release, please contact Capt. Allen Rowe at (831) 386-5956.