

PRESS RELEASE



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DATE: September 16, 2009

LOCATION: 2485 El Camino Real, Redwood City

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Robbery suspects arrested

VICTIM: Adalid Sanchez Soto, 27 year old, Redwood City resident

SUSPECT #1: Carlos Sanchez Martinez, 36 year old, Redwood City resident

SUSPECT #2: Jose Mata Gutierrez, 25 year old, Redwood City resident

SUSPECT #3: Oscar Tapia Carmona, 21 year old, Redwood City resident

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On 9-16-09 at approximately 1320 hours, Victim Sanchez negotiated a narcotics transaction with Suspect Martinez. Sanchez agreed to sell Martinez 50 lbs of high grade marijuana for \$70,000. The two met at an apartment in unincorporated Redwood City to complete the transaction. Sanchez delivered the marijuana to the apartment where he was robbed at gunpoint by the suspects. The suspects tied Sanchez up and left him in the apartment. The suspects loaded the marijuana into a vehicle and fled the scene. The suspects got involved in a traffic accident in the parking lot of the Target store located at 2485 El Camino Real. The suspects abandoned their vehicle and fled on foot leaving the marijuana in the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle the suspect vehicle collided with sustained minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital.

Sanchez was able to free himself and drove to the location where the suspects abandoned their vehicle. Sanchez recovered the marijuana and fled. A passing motorist provided police with Sanchez' license plate and direction of travel. A patrol officer located the vehicle in the area of 9th Avenue and Fair Oaks Avenue. Sanchez pulled over and attempted to flee on foot. Sanchez was taken into custody and 50 lbs of marijuana was recovered from his vehicle. The victim was not injured during the robbery.

Detectives conducted follow-up investigation and were able to identify the suspects who committed the robbery. Gutierrez and Carmona were arrested at a Redwood City residence on 9-17-09 at approximately 0001 hours. Detectives recovered a loaded handgun when Gutierrez and Carmona were arrested. Martinez was arrested at a Redwood City apartment on 9-17-09 at approximately 2015 hours. The suspects were arrested without incident.

The suspects were booked into the San Mateo County Jail for a variety of charges including robbery with a firearm, conspiracy, possession of a firearm, assault with a deadly weapon, and possession and transportation of marijuana.

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