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PRESS INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Attempted Robbery, Kidnap, Homicide

CASE NUMBER: 19-00209

GENERAL LOCATION: 3245 Hwy 99 W, Corning, CA

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at about 6:12 pm

VICTIM(s) NAME:

Enrique Santamaria-Zepeda	Hispanic Male	AGE: 48
Maria Isabel Valencia-Lepe	Hispanic Female	AGE: 44
Austreberto Rafael Santamaria Valencia	Hispanic Male	AGE: 23

ADDRESS: 3245 Hwy 99 W, Corning, CA 96021

SUSPECTS: Still at large.

1. Hispanic male adult
2. Hispanic male adult
3. Hispanic female adult

DECEASED SUSPECT(S): Killed at scene.

1. Unidentified Hispanic Male, approximately 25 to 35 years of age
 2. Unidentified Hispanic Male, approximately 25 to 35 years of age
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SUSPECT'S VEHICLE-STILL AT LARGE: Described as a 2006 4-door Charger, white in color, lowered with possibly tinted windows, there is no front license plate however the plate holder is cracked or damaged.

SUMMARY: On Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at about 6:12 pm, deputies responded to a report of shots fired in the 3000 block of Hwy 99 W, in the Corning area of Tehama County. The area was immediately flooded by responding officers from the Corning Police Department, the California Highway Patrol and the Tehama County Sheriff's Office. Upon their arrival, deputies located two gunshot victims. These victims were located on the ground in the carport area of the residence and were pronounced dead at the scene. These two victims were later determined to be the robbery suspects.

Early reports indicated there were multiple shots fired from this area. Deputies arrived within 13 minutes of the initial call and the scene was secured. An immediate search of the residence and surrounding grounds was conducted by first responding officers assisted by the CHP helicopter. The three intended robbery victims were isolated and were not physically injured during the incident.

Detectives from the Tehama County Sheriff's Office were called to the scene and are conducting the investigation.

The following is a summary of what is known at the time of this release:

It was reported initially that four Hispanic men and a Hispanic female had orchestrated a home invasion robbery. The female suspect had parked in front of the residence and went to the door claiming her car had broken down. Austreberto Valencia went out to help her. While at the car he was approached by at least two subjects one armed with a hand gun. They forced him to return to the residence.

Detectives believe the motive was to steal a quantity of marijuana stored in the residence. At some point Austreberto obtained a semi-automatic pistol and shot the two would be robbers.

The female suspect and a male suspect fled southbound on Hwy 99 W in the Charger at a high rate of speed. The other male suspect fled on foot in a north easterly direction away from the scene.

Detectives spent much of the night pouring over the scene, and interviewing witnesses. At this time, detectives are working to establish evidence and information to confirm Austreberto Valencia's chain of events.

District Attorney Matt Rogers was called to the scene and was thoroughly briefed on the incident. At this time no arrests have been made. The investigation is ongoing. We have recovered the pistol and a semi-automatic rifle from the scene.

The deceased subject's identities are not known at this time and Deputy Coroners are working to identify them. Preliminary investigation indicates they died as a result of gunshot wounds to the head. Autopsies are pending.

Further information will be released as it become available.

Anyone having information about this case should contact the Tehama County Sheriff's Office at (530) 529-7920 or at 22840 Antelope Blvd., Red Bluff, CA 96080

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