

Stanislaus County **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Adam Christianson
250 E. Hackett Road, Modesto, CA 95358



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**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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MULTIPLE SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY AFTER RIVERBANK DRIVE BY SHOOTING

Riverbank, CA – The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office, comprised of patrol deputies and a detective assigned to the Riverbank Police Services, took four suspects into custody for their alleged involvement in a drive-by shooting in an unincorporated portion of Riverbank over the weekend. On Friday, June 11, 2010, at approximately 7:58 p.m., call-takers and dispatchers received several 911 calls reporting shots fired and a vehicle fleeing the unincorporated area of the 5300 block of Patterson Road. Deputies arrived within a matter of six-minutes and began systematically searching the area for a green Lincoln occupied by up to four individuals, one of which was reportedly armed with a rifle and/or a handgun.

An alert detective, whom was dispatched to assist other primary-investigating deputies, eventually located a similar-looking vehicle near the intersection of Santa Fe and Claus. The detective attempted to conduct an enforcement stop; however, the Lincoln failed to immediately yield and made an abrupt stop near Santa Fe and Eleanor. A group of four subjects, three of whom were adult men, were located and detained inside the car.

A perimeter was quickly established at the original location, and a Sheriff's Department canine unit was brought in to attempt to locate additional evidence, suspects or victims. During the subsequent search and preliminary investigation, evidence linking the driver and his juvenile passenger to the earlier shooting was located within the passenger compartment of the Lincoln. A loaded handgun and a substance believed to be powder cocaine was recovered as well.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as 19-year-old Luis Sanchez of Modesto. Sanchez was booked on several felony charges including possession of a prohibited weapon, possessing a loaded firearm, shooting at an unoccupied vehicle or dwelling, and transportation and possession of illicit narcotics. A 17-year-old juvenile believed to be the shooter and passenger of the same vehicle was also booked into the Stanislaus

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County Juvenile Hall for the same shooting and firearms violations. No injuries were reported; however, a vehicle parked in the area was hit numerous times.

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