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**FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S**  
**DEPARTMENT MAKES ARREST OF A**  
**CARJACKING SUSPECT**

On Friday, 12-2-05, at approximately 2:15 PM, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department responded to the report of a carjacking at the Conejo Market, at McCall and Conejo Avenues in the County of Fresno. The victim had just exited the store and got into his vehicle to leave. A male, identified as Hector Silva, age 23 years, came up to the car and tried to sell him a watch. The victim did not want the watch and told Silva that. Silva then pulled up his shirt and showed a gun in his waistband and forced his way into the vehicle. Silva then told the victim to drive. The victim did not want to drive Silva and jumped out of the vehicle and ran back to the store for help. Silva fired several rounds at the victim as he drove off in the stolen car.

The Fresno County Sheriff's Department Crime Scene Unit was able to identify the suspect who committed the crime as Hector Ivan Aviles Silva, age 23 years. Silva was arrested on Wednesday, 12-28-05 for the crime. Silva is under investigation for similar carjackings and robberies in Tulare and Kern Counties. Silva is currently in the Tulare County Jail pending other charges. The cases will be referred to the United States Attorney's Office because of the multi-jurisdictional involvement.

For additional information or inquiries contact Detective Tom Grilione, Detective Scott Caldera or Sergeant Janice Rasmussen, Fresno County Sheriff's Department Area 3 Detective Unit at (Office) 559-896-2003 or (Fresno County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center) 559-488-3111 or Crime Stoppers at 498-STOP.