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Fresno County Sheriff's Department Investigates a Double Shooting Near Clovis and Butler Avenues

On Wednesday October 18, 2006 at about 12:30 am Sheriff's Department Deputies were dispatched to the area of Clovis and Butler Avenues regarding a shots fired call. Responding patrol deputies located a 2006 Mercedes Benz on Clovis Avenue north of Butler Avenue riddled with bullets. A search of the area revealed two occupants of the vehicle were hiding in nearby bushes after fleeing from their car as it was being shot. The victims were suffering from gunshot wounds and were transported to University Medical Center.

So far the investigation has revealed the shooting started at Clovis and Jensen Avenues near the Chevron gas station. The victims were in their vehicle on Clovis Avenue north of Jensen when they were first fired upon. The suspects approached the victims in a newer model light gray Dodge Charger, unknown license plate, and started firing at the victims. The victims fled in their vehicle northbound Clovis Avenue and the suspects gave chase.

In the area near Clovis and Butler Avenues the victim's vehicle became disabled due to damage from several rounds striking their vehicle. Both victims were injured by the gunfire and fled from the vehicle. The suspect vehicle was last scene leaving southbound on Clovis Avenue. The victims were unable to provide a description of the suspects but believe the suspect vehicle was occupied by a driver and a right front passenger. A second vehicle was seen with the suspect vehicle and may be involved. It is described by witnesses as a newer model white Chevy Impala.

Once the crime scenes were processed by Detectives and the Crime Scene Unit it appears the suspects were armed with an assault rifle. The victim's identities are not being released for their protection. Their injuries are not life threatening. Detectives are seeking the public's assistance and anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Richard Gallegos at (559)488-3921 or CRIME STOPPERS at 498-STOP(7867).