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MEDIA ADVISORY: Shooting At Bar Injures Five

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims is asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect in a weekend shooting that occurred at the La Coronita Bar.

On January 27th at approximately 12:55 am, deputies responded to the bar, located at 3364 W. Belmont Ave, in regards to a shooting. When they arrived, deputies found five patrons who had been shot.

Witnesses reported that two men and two women had entered the bar when one of the males got into an argument with another patron. The owner of the bar, along with the security guard, intervened and asked the subject to leave. The male was then escorted out the front door of the bar. The other three subjects also left.

Once outside, the other male subject walked to their car that was parked just west of the bar. He retrieved a handgun from inside the car, walked back towards the bar and started shooting. After firing several shots, the suspect, along with the other male subject and two females, got into their car and fled westbound on Belmont Ave.

Injuries to the five patrons ranged from minor to moderate. Two of the victims had to be transported to Community Regional Medical Center for treatment. Their condition is unknown at this time.

Anyone with information on this shooting incident is asked to contact the Fresno County Sheriff's Office at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).