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17 Year Old Boy Shot & Critically Injured During Robbery Attempt

Around 11:45 pm on Sunday, dispatchers at the Fresno County Sheriff's Office received a 911 phone call stating gunshots had been fired and a person was hit. Deputies responded to the 4700 block of N. Sunset Drive, near Van Ness and Rialto in Fresno's Old Fig Garden neighborhood. They found a 17 year old boy suffering from a gunshot wound. A deputy provided medical aid while waiting for EMS to respond. Medics arrived and transported the teen to Community Regional Medical Center where he is listed in critical condition.

Homicide detectives and members of the Crime Scene Unit responded to the shooting scene to interview witnesses and collect evidence.

Detectives learned the victim was outside a home with his friend when they were approached by people in an SUV. Someone inside the SUV demanded the boys hand over all of their belongings. The boys refused and ran away. One of the robbery suspects then fired shots at them, striking one of the boys. The suspects drove away on Rialto. The other boy was able to get inside the home and asked for someone to call for help.

Detectives are still trying to collect a better description of the suspect(s) and the vehicle involved. Sheriff's detectives met with Fresno Police detectives regarding other attempted robberies and shootings that occurred earlier in the night in the city of Fresno to see if their calls may

be related to this one. It's unknown if the boys were specifically targeted or chosen at random. This remains an ongoing investigation.

Anyone with additional information on the suspect(s) in this case is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at (559) 600-3111, Detective Adam Maldonado (559) 231-6944, or Detective Adrian Villegas (559) 600-8210. You may also call Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867. You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.