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Detectives Arrest Man for Shooting Death of 16 Year Old San Joaquin Boy

Tuesday afternoon, detectives with the Fresno County Sheriff's MAGEC team (Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium) collaborated with officers of the Salinas Police Department to arrest a murder suspect. The suspect is 36 year old Hileberto Valtierra Jr. of Le Grand (Merced County). Salinas Police apprehended Valtierra during a traffic stop after he was seen riding as a passenger in a car that had left a home on the 1600 block of Cherokee Drive in Salinas.

Around 9:00 pm on Monday, a shooting took place at the Garden Valley Apartments located on the 9500 block of Flores Drive in San Joaquin. Fresno County Sheriff's deputies arrived at the complex and found a 16 year old boy, later identified as Angel Trejo, who had been fatally shot. Deputies were told the victim's brother, who is in his early 20s, was also shot and injured. However, he was not at the scene. While responding to the call, the sheriff's helicopter, EAGLE One, spotted a car driving extremely fast away from the scene. Ground units were notified and deputies stopped the vehicle. It turns out the injured victim was inside the car and his family was attempting to drive him to the hospital. An ambulance responded, picked up the young man and transported him to the hospital. He is listed in stable condition with non-life-threatening injuries.

Homicide detectives and members of our Crime Scene Unit responded to the apartment complex to collect evidence and interview witnesses. Detectives learned Hileberto Valtierra was responsible for shooting Trejo

and his brother. Working throughout the night and the early morning hours, detectives developed information that Valtierra might have traveled to Salinas. Sheriff's detectives secured a search warrant for a home on Cherokee Drive and were assisted by the Salinas Police SWAT team. While in the area of the home, officers noticed a car with a man in it who matched Valtierra. Officers pulled the car over near Cherokee Dr. and Quintero Circle. They confirmed it was Valtierra and they took him into custody without incident.

Arrangements are being made to transport Valtierra to Fresno to be booked into jail. A motive for the crime has not been established, however, it is clear that Valtierra knew both of his victims. Valtierra had previously been in a dating relationship with the victims' mother.

Anyone with information on this case can contact Detective Adrian Villegas at (559) 600-8210 or submit tips to Valley Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867 or www.valleycrimestoppers.org You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.

