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Detectives Search for Car Tied to Robbery and Shooting of Farm Labor Supervisor

Property crimes detectives with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office are trying to find a black, early to mid-2000s model Dodge Charger that was recently involved in an armed robbery where the victim suffered gunshot wounds.

Shortly after 4:00 pm on December 31, 2020, a farm labor supervisor was parked near the Valentine Market located at 1414 S. Valentine Ave. in Fresno. This supervisor was in the middle of passing out payroll checks to his employees when the Dodge Charger pulled up behind his SUV. A man got out of the Dodge, approached the SUV's front passenger door, pointed a handgun and spoke Spanish as he demanded money. He then shot out the window. The 32 year old victim put his SUV in reverse and accelerated away as the suspect was still hanging onto the vehicle. He fired more shots, striking the victim on his hands and leg. The gunman reached into the SUV and grabbed cash and some payroll checks just as the force caused him to be thrown off the door and into the middle of the roadway. He got up and ran back to the Charger, which fled southbound on Valentine Ave. It is unknown how many people were in the Dodge. The victim drove away to call police and get medical attention. He was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The gunman is described as being a light-skinned Hispanic with a tattoo on his neck. He's approximately 25 years old, 5'10", 180 lbs. with light brown hair, green eyes and clean shaven. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, a black beanie and white shorts.

Anyone with additional information about the car or anyone involved in this case is asked to please contact Detective Chris Centeno at (559) 600-8058 office / (559) 978-2176 cell or christopher.centeno@fresnosheriff.org. You may also contact Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867, www.valleycrimestoppers.org You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.