

King City Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

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DATE/TIME: March 1, 2025

CASE NUMBER: 2025-0203

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Homicide (187 PC), Conspiracy (182PC), Committing a Crime for the advancement of a Criminal Street Gang (186.22PC).

LOCATION: 500 Block North Third Street, King City

SUSPECTS: Adrian Pineda Juarez, 20 years old of Greenfield

4 Male Juveniles

On February 28, 2025 at approximately 9:30 PM, a 17 year old male juvenile was riding his bicycle north on Third Street in King City when he was approached by 4-5 assailants unknown to him. The assailants produced handguns and shot the victim numerous times. The subjects fled on foot northbound.

King City Police were dispatched to the reported shooting and on arrival the victim was conscious and alert and provided a brief statement to officers while medical aid was rendered. The victim was transported to Natividad Medical Center by ambulance where he unfortunately succumbed to the gunshot wounds.

During the investigation, concerned residents contacted police with a report of suspicious people jumping into backyards. King City Officers responded, along with Officers from Greenfield PD, Soledad PD and Monterey County Sheriff's Department. Through the use of a drone from Monterey County Sheriff's Department and officers conducting searches, Suspect Juarez and three male juveniles were located and detained in possession of two firearms matching the type used at the crime scene. Through further investigation, a fifth suspect was contacted at a residence in King City and subsequently arrested. The four juveniles were booked into Monterey County Juvenile Detention Center and Juarez was booked into Monterey County Jail.

The King City Police Department would like to thank our allied Law Enforcement Partners for their assistance which resulted in the apprehension and arrest of the suspects.

Anyone with further information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the King City Police Department at (831) 385-4848; Sergeant Josh Partida (831) 385-4848 or jpartida@kingcity.com or the WeTip line at 1-844-844-3382. Your call may remain completely anonymous.

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