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News Conference
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Good morning everyone. Thank you for taking the time to be here this morning. I have called this press conference to let the citizens of Salinas know what their police department has been doing the past thirty days as it relates to tracking down and arresting violent criminals in our community.

For the past thirty days since being placed in office, while meeting with business and community groups and citizens, I have been consistently encouraging the public to come forward with information to help us identify violent criminals and bring them to justice. I have been asking the public to trust us that we will keep their identity confidential as we pursue justice for them and their families.

Well, today I would like to share the results of that sharing of information. A number of brave citizens have called in on the We Tip and other confidential lines to pass along information about violent criminals in our community; those who have lost loved ones and those who are no longer willing to let marauding gangsters control our community and keep everyone living in fear.

This morning I am going to discuss a number of significant cases my officers, detectives, and allied agencies have worked and the fruits of their labor. The following crimes have been solved and very dangerous criminals arrested **AS A DIRECT RESULT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT HAS COME FROM WITNESSES WHO ARE NO LONGER WILLING TO LET THE GANGSTERS CONTROL THEIR LIVES AND COMMUNITY.**

(Case 1) No photos

On April 4, 2009, Marvin Gay Brown, 43, was in the area of Rossi Alley when two individuals confronted him and one shot him in the head. Mr. Brown is currently struggling to stay alive in a Bay Area trauma center where he remains in critical condition. Arriving officers at the crime scene had no leads to go on. **AS A DIRECT RESULT OF CONFIDENTIAL AND ANNONYMOUS INFORMATION FROM BRAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** Salinas PD detectives were able to investigate this case ultimately identifying and arresting two male juveniles, ages 16 and 17 for attempted homicide. They are currently in juvenile hall under strict guard awaiting trial.

(Case 2) Photos available on poster

On April 8, 2009, **AS A DIRECT RESULT OF CONFIDENTIAL AND ANNONYMOUS INFORMATION FROM BRAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** and additional leads, detectives served search warrants at two residences associated with Juan Cervantes, age 20, an active and very violent gang member. Cervantes is the primary suspect in one gang-related homicide and is being investigated for other homicides and shootings as well. During the execution of the search warrants Juan Cervantes

and Marco Guido, age 20, were arrested for illegally possessing handguns, handguns directly tied to homicides in Salinas. Cervantes is currently in custody for the weapon charges at this time. Since this case is still under investigation, this is all the information we are able to release at this time.



Juan Cervantes



Marco Guido



Glock 23 .40 Cal.



Keltec 9mm

(Case 3) Photos available on poster

During December 2008 and January 2009 there were seven violent armed robberies of six grocery stores and a fast food restaurant in the City of Salinas. Initially, SPD officers had little information to pursue the investigation of these cases. In February 2009, the City of Del Rey Oaks had an armed robbery of their Safeway Store where three suspects were ultimately arrested. Salinas Detectives worked with Del Rey Oaks Police and because of this excellent inter-agency collaborative investigation and AS A DIRECT RESULT OF CONFIDENTIAL AND ANNONYMOUS INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC Alexiz Hernandez, 20, Rafael Ernesto Gabriel, 19, and Raul Perez 20, who are all active violent gang members have been linked to six of the Salinas armed robberies and two car-jackings. They are in jail awaiting trial on a number of these charges.



Alexiz Hernandez



Rafael Gabriel Jr.



Raul Perez

(Case 4) No Photos

On April 22, 2009, a 17-year-old male was walking in the 700 block of Garner Ave. when he was shot in the hand by an unknown assailant. Again, SPD officers had little information to work to resolve this case. AS A DIRECT RESULT OF CONFIDENTIAL AND ANNONYMOUS INFORMATION FROM A BRAVE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC who provided enough detailed information for officers of the

Violence Suppression Unit to identify the suspect, they were able to solve the case and arrest a 17-year old violent gang member. He is currently in juvenile hall awaiting trial.

(Case 5) Photos available on poster

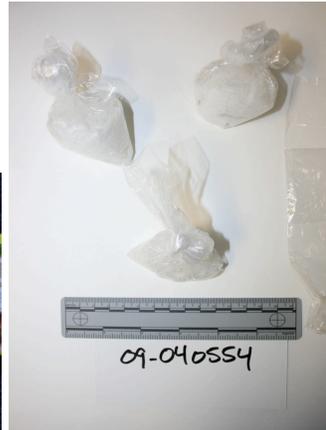
On April 10, 2009, a Monterey County Sheriffs Deputy and a Salinas Police Officer, both assigned to the Monterey County Joint Gang Task Force, contacted a known violent and dangerous parolee by the name of Raymond Campos, age 31. Campos resisted arrest and while attempting to flee in his vehicle dragged the deputy who was trapped in the door of the vehicle, and ultimately ran over him with the vehicle while making his escape. SPD detectives worked closely with the United State Marshals Service, Northern California Fugitive Task Force. Again, AS A DIRECT RESULT OF CONFIDENTIAL AND ANNONYMOUS INFORMATION FROM THE WE-TIP LINE, leads were developed and passed on to the U.S. Marshals. The Marshals initiated an aggressive man hunt to capture this violent and dangerous felon. Their investigation led them to the City of Livermore, CA on April 27, 2009 where Campos was arrested. The U.S. Marshals contacted SPD and our officers brought Campos back to Salinas where he was booked for attempted murder of a police officer, violation of parole, and possession of narcotics for sale. A very violent and dangerous felon was arrested and taken off the streets because of information from brave citizens and the excellent cooperation and assistance of the U.S. Marshals office. Today Assistant Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Robert Tejada is here to show his support for the Salinas Police Department.



Raymond Campos



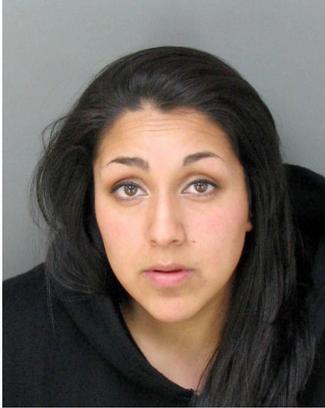
Packaged Methamphetamines



Methamphetamines

(Case 6) Photos available on poster

On April 28, 2009, two unknown suspects shot into a vehicle occupied by a 58 year old female in a neighborhood in Salinas. The vehicle was also occupied by a 20-year old male, a 3-year-old and an 8 month old child. The 58-year-old and three-year-old child were struck by the bullets fired. Officers at the scene had limited information to go on in this case. But again, AS A DIRECT RESULT OF CONFIDENTIAL AND ANNONYMOUS INFORMATION FROM A BRAVE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC who came forward, Berlin Cortez, age 20, was arrested that same night. Miss Cortez drove the two shooters to the scene, knowingly waited for them to shoot at a rival gang member, and then drove them away after the shooting. The two shooting suspects are still outstanding and additional information is needed from the public to bring these shooters to justice. Miss Cortez was arrested and booked for attempted homicide and other charges.



Berlin Cortez



Suspect Vehicle

(Case 7) No Photos

On May 3, 2009, a 47-year-old man was walking on Kilbreth Ave. when an unknown suspect shot at a passing vehicle. The pedestrian was struck in the face by a stray round, and was hospitalized in critical condition. He has since been released. Only one person called 911 to report the suspect fled Southbound on N. Sanborn Road, even though there were over one hundred people in the immediate area where the shooting occurred, in broad daylight. The unknown suspect is still outstanding. If anyone in the public will come forward with information, we will be able to arrest this violent criminal...but without information from witnesses, we have no leads.

(Case 8) Crime Spree of Jose Manzo and Mario Ramirez
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On 1-13-09, a female victim in the parking lot of 1751 N. Sanborn Rd., had her purse stolen by Manzo who fled in an awaiting vehicle driven by Ramirez.

On 4-9-09 and 4-29-09, Manzo committed two armed robberies at 631 E. Alvin Drive, the Subway Sandwich restaurant.

On 4-24-09, an armed robbery occurred at 170 E. Laurel Drive, at the La Vina Market by both Ramirez and Manzo. During their escape a gunshot was fired at a witness, which struck a vehicle. AS A DIRECT RESULT OF CONFIDENTIAL AND ANNONYMOUS INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC a few brave witnesses gave information to officers about the vehicle used by the criminals.

On 5-7-09, members of the Salinas Police Department's SWAT team and detectives served a search warrant in the 1400 block of Nichols Avenue. As officers arrived, Manzo threw a loaded .357 magnum handgun and ammunition over fences as he tried to escape. He eventually gave up by coming out of his residence and was taken into custody without incident. Ramirez also tried to escape but was contained within the perimeter and after an extensive yard search was caught while trying to walk away.

Marisol Manzo, age 24, was arrested at the residence for delaying officers, child endangerment, and warrants unrelated to the robbery cases.

Manzo was booked for 3 counts of armed robbery, attempted murder, grand theft, weapon charges, gang enhancements and a parole violation.

Ramirez was booked for armed robbery, attempted murder, grand theft, resisting arrest and gang enhancements.

Detectives are currently investigating them as primary suspects in several armed robberies that occurred this year.



Jose Manzo



Mario Ramirez

Finally, the men and women of your police department have been diligently investigating many other cases where, in the process we have seized 44 firearms in the past four months. Four of these weapons have been ballistically linked to 7 different shootings in the City of Salinas (3 murders, 3 attempted murders, and 1 drive by shooting).

Patrol officers and officers of the Violence Suppression Unit were able to take these weapons off the street and out of the hands of violent criminals AS A DIRECT RESULT OF CONFIDENTIAL AND ANNONYMOUS INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC.

In closing, I would like to thank the brave persons who have come forward and given valuable, confidential information to my officers which has resulted in the arrest and ongoing investigation of numerous violent criminals.

Additionally, I would like to thank all of the members of the news media here today for taking the time to get this important information out to the public.