



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME: March 29, 2014**

**LOCATION: West Cliff Drive & Sunset Ave**

**TOPIC: Robbery Arrest**

**CASE NUMBER: 14S-02480**

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**INFORMATION:**

**Arrested:**

1. Yahir Alejandro Chavez, 22 years – Sacramento resident
2. Shane Fitzgerald Montue, 21 years – Sacramento resident
3. Lenel James David Randolph, 23 years – Sacramento resident
4. Alphonse Gomez Ramirez, 22 years – Sacramento resident

On March 29, 2014, four (4) Sacramento area suspects were arrested following a street robbery where the suspects took gold chain jewelry from the victim. The robbery occurred at approximately 3:10 PM, Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> on West Cliff Drive near Sunset Avenue. Details were withheld until today due to investigative follow up that needed to be completed.

The suspects first approached the victim when he was in a parking lot in downtown Santa Cruz. Initially, the suspects asked for directions. The victim then left the area and drove to West Cliff Drive near Sunset Ave, where he parked his car. The victim believes the suspects intentionally followed him.

The victim was approached by at least two of the suspects who began to attack the victim unprovoked. The suspects punched the victim several times and pulled gold jewelry chains from around his neck. The victim fought back and chased the suspects back to an awaiting getaway car. The victim recognized the suspects from the earlier contact in downtown. The suspects fled in their getaway car being driven by suspect Chavez. The car was a black 2007 Chevy HHR.

A description of the car was broadcast to all area law enforcement agencies. The suspect's vehicle was spotted by California Highway Patrol Officers traveling southbound on Highway 1. The suspects attempted to flee from the CHP officers for a short distance, and eventually pulled over at the Highway One Vista Point Rest Area. The suspects were turned over to Santa Cruz officers, and their vehicle impounded.

All four suspects were booked into Santa Cruz County Jail for charges of (1) Robbery, and (2) Conspiracy to Commit Robbery. Suspects Randolph and Montue are both on active parole. They were also charged with Parole violations. Suspect Ramirez initially used his brother's identity. He was also charged with false personation.

The victim sustained minor to moderate injuries during the attack, and is recovering.

**For additional information, contact: Deputy Chief Steve Clark**

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Yahir Chavez



**Shane Montue**



Lenel Randolph



Alphonse Ramirez

