

CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS



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Friday, July 17, 2020:

On Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 2354 hours, Desert Hot Springs Police Department Officers responded to the area of West Drive and Santa Cruz after hearing gunshots in the area. Officers contacted three adult Hispanic male subjects in a vehicle fleeing the area and found two of the occupants were suffering from gunshot wounds.

The two injured victims were transported to a local hospital for treatment. Officers quickly ascertained the scene of the shooting to be in the 10000 block of Santa Cruz. Detectives from the Desert Hot Springs Police Department immediately began their investigation. A 17-year-old resident of Desert Hot Springs was taken into custody for the shooting within 12 hours of the incident.

One of the shooting victims was treated and released from the hospital. The other victim succumbed to his injuries shortly after midnight this morning. The 17-year-old suspect remains in custody and has been charged with homicide (PC 187).

This investigation is ongoing and further leads on potential other parties involved are still being investigated.

Media Inquiries should be directed to Doria Wilms, Assistant City Manager and Public Information Officer for the City of Desert Hot Springs at (760) 333-0518 or via email at dwilms@cityofdhs.org

Anyone wishing to provide additional information on this case should contact __Det. Tooth_ with the Desert Hot Springs Police Department at (760) 329-2904 ext. _352_ or the Watch Commander, (760) 329-2904 Ext.302. If you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at (760) 341-STOP.



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