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RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT: October 10, 2008, 1700 hours

TYPE OF INCIDENT: 245 PC/ Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Firearm)
417(a)(2) PC/ Exhibit Firearm
148(a)(1) PC/ Obstruct Police Officer

VICTIM: 18 year old Ridgecrest resident

SUSPECTS: Richard Oscar Martinez, 19 year old Ridgecrest resident and a
17 year old juvenile resident of Ridgecrest

LOCATION OCCURRED: Upjohn Park, City of Ridgecrest

On 10-10-08 at about 1740 hours, Officers of the Ridgecrest Police Department responded to Upjohn Park regarding an unknown type problem call for service.

Upon arrival, they found a group of 15-20 subjects who told the officers they had been shot at with a handgun during a fight involving four male subjects. Officers conducted an investigation and found that Richard Martinez was the suspect who fired the handgun and he could be found at the juvenile suspect's residence. Officers responded to that residence and arrested Martinez for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Brandishing a Firearm, both offenses being felonies. It was learned that the juvenile suspect had hidden the firearm from the police officers in his residence and he was arrested for Obstructing or Delaying a Peace Officer in his Duties. The handgun was seized and there were no injuries related to this shooting incident.

Martinez was booked and incarcerated at Kern County Jail/ Ridgecrest and the juvenile was cited on the misdemeanor charge and released to a parent.

RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police
PREPARED BY: Captain Paul Wheeler
Tuesday, October 14, 2008