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UPDATE

Arrest made on Catalytic Converter theft turned robbery and assault with a deadly weapon

Unincorporated Redwood City, CA- On Thursday, March 16, 2023, at approximately 7:26 AM, a catalytic converter theft occurred in the Emerald Hills neighborhood of Unincorporated Redwood City. A neighbor saw what was happening and recorded the incident with his cell phone.

After completing the theft, the unknown suspect realized he was being recorded and pointed a silver/black semi-automatic handgun at the neighbor, then took the cell phone. The suspect then got into a Dark Blue Honda Accord (2000's model) and drove away.

The Blue Honda was described as having no hub-caps, missing the "H" from the Honda emblem, no front license plate, and the numbers "55278022N°" on the windshield.

UPDATE- On March 17, 2023, we advised the community about a catalytic converter theft that turned into a robbery. Since that time, sheriff's deputies and detectives pursued leads in the case and ultimately located the car in Oakland. In the course of that investigation, they were able to locate the suspect and safely apprehend him.

Cristofer Hernandez, 25 years old, from Oakland, was booked into the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Jail and is being held on \$100,00.00 bail, on the following Charges:



California Penal Code 211- Felony
California Penal Code 245 (A)(2)- Felony
California Penal Code 136.5- Felony
California Penal Code 487 (A)- Felony
California Vehicle Code 10852 – Misdemeanor

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