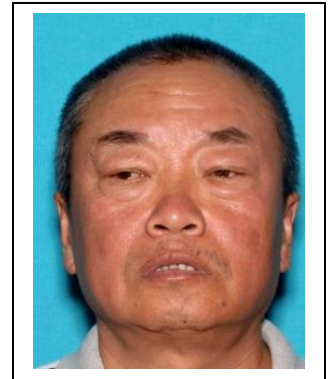




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Half Moon Bay Homicide Suspect in Custody

Summary:

Half Moon Bay – Today, at 2:22 pm, San Mateo County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 12700 block of San Mateo Road (SR-92) in unincorporated San Mateo County on a report of a shooting with multiple victims.

Upon arrival deputies located four (4) victims deceased with gunshot wounds. A fifth victim, also suffering from gunshot wounds, was transported to Stanford Medical Center with life threatening injuries. The suspect was not immediately located.

Shortly thereafter, three (3) additional victims were also located, deceased with gunshot wounds at a separate shooting scene in the 2100 block of Cabrillo Highway South. The motive for the shooting is currently unknown.

Through investigation, the suspect was identified as Chunli Zhao, a 67-year-old Half Moon Bay resident. At 4:40 pm, Zhao was located in his vehicle in the parking lot of the Sheriff's Office Half Moon Bay Police Substation by a Sheriff's Deputy. Zhao was taken into custody without incident and a weapon was located in his vehicle. Zhao is believed to have acted alone. There is no further threat to the community.

"This is a devastating tragedy for this community and the many families touched by this unspeakable act of violence," said Sheriff Christina Corpus.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Deschler at 1-800-547-2700. We will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.

A family reunification center has been set up at the IDES Hall, 735 Main St., Half Moon Bay.

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