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Sheriff's Emergency Response Team Arrests 2 Wanted Felons in South County

On October 24, 2018, at approximately 5:30 PM, Sheriff's Office Deputies arrested Mark Ashford and James Edward Trujillo at a residence on Buena Vista Avenue near No Name Uno in Unincorporated Gilroy.

These suspects had numerous felony warrants for their arrest and were considered armed and dangerous. Ashford was also associated to a high speed vehicle pursuit with deputies earlier in the week. Given the extensive criminal history of these individuals, our Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) was mobilized to make the apprehension of these wanted felons. We established a large perimeter and utilized our tactical team to ensure the safety of the surrounding residents and our deputies.

Prior to arrest, Mark Ashford was observed driving a vehicle associated to a prior carjacking. Meanwhile, James Edward Trujillo attempted to evade capture by hiding in hole under a pile of wood debris. Fortunately, both suspects were arrested without incident or injury.

We want to thank the South County residents in the immediate area of this event for their cooperation and understanding during the prolonged operation. We also want to thank the Gilroy Police Department, Morgan Hill Police Department, and the Santa Clara Police Department K9 unit for their assistance.



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