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Today, at approximately 11:45 AM, Sheriff's Office Investigators arrested David Lopez in the City of San Jose. (See Photo Attached)

On October 4, 2015, Lopez was originally booked into the Santa Clara County Mail Jail by the San Jose Police Department.

While in custody, Lopez had two separate cases being heard in Santa Clara County Superior Court. The first case was a stolen vehicle case investigated by the San Jose Police Department, and the second, a robbery case out of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office.

On September 28, 2017, Lopez appeared in Superior Court on both matters. At this hearing, Lopez received final sentencing on each individual case. For the robbery case, occurring on August 31, 2015, Lopez was sentenced to serve 8 years in California State Prison. Additionally, on the stolen vehicle case, occurring on September 11, 2015, Lopez was credited with time already served in Santa Clara County Jail.

The Superior Court submitted the dispositions of David Lopez's separate criminal matters to the Administrative Booking in the Department of Correction. The paperwork was not accurately processed by our civilian records personnel due to inadvertent human error. The court paperwork for the "time served" stolen vehicle case was processed ahead of the robbery case. On Thursday, September 28, 2017, at approximately 7:45 PM, David Lopez was released from custody.

On Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at approximately 6:50 AM, a Law Enforcement Records Technician discovered the error in Lopez's release. Immediately, a team of Sheriff's Office Investigators began a 24-hour operation to bring Lopez back into custody. Lopez was taken back into custody without incident by Sheriff's Office Investigators and booked back into the Santa Clara County Main Jail.

"This entire event is unacceptable and alarming to us at the Sheriff's Office. We are thankful we were able to bring Lopez back into custody quickly upon the discovery of our error. We are reviewing our checks and balances to incorporate added security measures in our court docket review processes."

*Undersheriff/ Chief of Correction Carl Neusel*

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