

# Merced Police Department

## **NEWS RELEASE**

April 18, 2010

Lieutenant Tom Trinidad  
Office: (209) 385-6233  
Dispatch: (209) 385-6905

### For Immediate Release

---

Date and Time: April 18, 2010 @ 2:41am  
Location: Gerard AV @ G Street  
Incident: Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon  
Arrested Person:  
Case Number: 2010-23653

---

Merced Police Department officers were dispatched to Mercy Hospital in regards to a gunshot victim. When officer's arrived they met with the victim in the emergency room. The victim had one gunshot wound to his lower abdomen and was in stable condition. The victim told Officer Flores that he was walking home from a party with a friend when they were confronted by some African American males on bikes near the intersection of S. G St. & Gerard Ave. According to the victim one of the suspects pulled out a handgun from a backpack and fired at least three rounds. The victim then got help from a friend who transported him to the Hospital. Officers checked the area for a crime scene but were unable to locate one. The victim was later flown to an area hospital in Modesto to possibly remove the bullet. It is unknown at this time what motivate the shooting and officers are still looking into the incident.

Merced Police are asking anyone with any information regarding this incident to contact Sergeant Skinner at (209) 385-4702 or the Merced Police Department Tipster Line at (209) 385-4725.

X X X X X