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ARREST MADE IN APARTMENT SHOOTING

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Saturday, July 30, 2016, the University Neighborhood Enhancement Team (UNET), a cooperative effort between the University of California at Riverside Police Department and the Riverside Police Department, made an arrest in a shooting that occurred on Monday, June 27, 2016, at the Palms on University Apartments in the 1400 block of University Avenue.

That afternoon at around 4:00 p.m., officers from the UNET Team and patrol responded to this apartment complex for a shooting that just occurred. A fight started during a gathering at the pool which led to the suspect firing a gun toward several subjects. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle that was later discovered to be reported as stolen. Officers extensively checked the area but did not locate the suspect.

During the follow-up investigation, the UNET Team was able to determine the suspect in this shooting was Robert Hilton, 19-year-old of Riverside. It was also discovered Hilton was the victim of a shooting this past Friday on July 29, 2016.



On Friday, July 29, 2016, the UNET Team and patrol officers responded to this same apartment complex in the 1400 block of University Avenue for an attempted murder that just occurred with a gunshot victim in the parking lot. Officer located the victim inside an apartment suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg. The preliminary investigation showed the suspect in this shooting attempted to rob the victim. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

The victim in this second shooting was identified as Robert Hilton, the suspect in the first shooting. On Saturday, July 30, 2016, Hilton was released from the hospital and arrested by the UNET team for assault with a deadly weapon using a firearm from that first shooting and booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center.

It was learned Hilton was already out on \$100,000 bail for a separate drive-by shooting in the City of Moreno Valley. The team consulted with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office and obtained a bail enhancement of \$1,000,000 for these new charges.

Anyone with information regarding either of these shooting investigations should contact the UNET Team at (951) 686-7291.

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