



For Immediate Release

May 23, 2024

Case #MN24-1905

SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

Menifee, CA – On Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at about 3:00 AM, officers from the Menifee Police Department responded to the area of Northshore Drive in response to multiple reports of gunshots being fired within the community. Upon arrival, officers were unable to locate the suspect, bullet casings, or victims despite thoroughly searching the area.

At about 6:00 AM, our dispatch center received calls providing additional information about the incident, including reports of bullet holes discovered in vehicles located within the community. Preliminary investigation suggested this was an isolated occurrence. Over the course of the last few weeks our investigators worked to identify the suspect responsible for this incident.

On May 23, 2024, investigators served a search warrant at a residence located on the 29000 block of Cottonwood Cove Drive. During the search of the residence, evidence was located which helped identify the subject who is believed to be responsible for the shooting.

52 -year-old Wilfred Fonteno of Menifee was placed under arrest for several felony violations including weapons charges. Fonteno was booked into the Cois Byrd Detention Center.

Anyone with further information regarding this incident is asked to contact Menifee Police Detective Ramirez at (951) 723-1614 or email jramirez@menifeepolice.org.

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