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**"Shooting Leaves One Hospitalized"**

On October 3, 2013, at approximately 7:07 pm, the Coalinga Police Department Communications Center received multiple 9-1-1 calls regarding shots being fired in the area of West Pleasant Street at South Coalinga Street.

Upon arrival of police personnel, the area was canvassed for victims, suspects and evidence. Officers were able to quickly locate the crime scene which was secured. It was determined that a firearm was used during the commission of the crime via bullet casings recovered at the scene. No damage to property was found in the area and no victim's were located.

During the initial part of the investigation, Detectives responded to the scene and began interviewing numerous witnesses in the area who gave a vivid account of shots being fired at a vehicle, which fled the area. Witness accounts indicated that three to four shots were fired by a gunman who fled on foot.

As Detectives interviewed witnesses, Coalinga Police Communications received information that a gunshot victim had been brought into the emergency room at Coalinga Regional Medical Center for treatment. Detectives responded to the hospital where they located an 18 year old Coalinga resident who sustained a non-life threatening graze wound to the head. Accompanied with the female was her adult boyfriend who was driving the victim's vehicle at the time of the shooting. Bullet holes to the vehicle were found that verified witness and victim accounts.

Coalinga Police Detectives are following up on numerous leads. With the cooperation of witnesses and the victim's in this case, arrests are forthcoming.

The victim's names are being withheld at this time due an ongoing investigation. Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact Detective Earl O'neal at (559) 935-1525, ext 116.

"All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law"

