



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**TYPE OF CRIME:** Kidnapping, False Imprisonment, Terrorist Threats, Brandishing a Weapon, Resisting Arrest, Stimulant Influence, Felony Warrant for Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

**CASE NUMBER:** 04.317.0508

**LOCATION:** 600 Block of N. Jackson Ave. **DATE:** 11.12.04 **TIME:** 3:02 PM

**VICTIM:** Withheld **AGE:** 25

**SUSPECT:** Romero Antonio Garcia **AGE:** 30

**ADDRESS:** Santa Clara Resident

### **DETAILS:**

On Friday, November 12, 2004, at 4:15 AM, The San Jose Police Department received a 911 call by a female stating her male friend was being held against his will. She reported that her friend called her and asked for money to pay a debt. The female responded to the address the friend provided. When the female arrived, she saw her friend was being held against his will by at least one armed man. There were six other subjects in the residence.

The female was allowed to leave to retrieve cash from an ATM. The female called San Jose Police, met with officers, and pointed out the residence. The main suspect, Romero Antonio Garcia, and a female left the residence prior to police arrival. Four males and one female were arrested on various charges. A Felony Affidavit was filed on Garcia. Additionally, Garcia had an outstanding Felony Warrant for Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

The Special Operations Unit conducted surveillance in the 600 Block of N. Jackson Ave. Garcia barricaded himself in the residence and held his girlfriend hostage. During negotiations, Garcia released his girlfriend uninjured. The girlfriend informed officers that Garcia was armed with a handgun. Hostage Negotiators maintained contact with Garcia. Garcia repeatedly said he was going to kill himself or anyone that approached.

BY: Officer Enrique Garcia #2936  
DATE: 11.13.04 TIME: 5:15 PM

AUTHORIZED BY: Capt. Jack Farmer  
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PRESS OFFICER BRIEFED BY UNIT COMMANDER (CIRCLE) **YES** NO

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Today, (November 13, 2004) at approximately 12:50 PM, Garcia cooperated with Negotiators and was taken into custody without incident after he exited the residence. The department used numerous resources including MERGE, VCET, METRO, Canines, Bomb, Hostage Negotiators, Patrol and Communications personnel to bring this incident to a successful conclusion.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the San Jose Police Department Assaults Unit at 408.277.4161. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408.947.STOP.

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