Pismo Beach Police Department

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Two Arrested Following Shooting Investigation

Pismo Beach, CA – Details: On Sunday, December 28, 2025, at approximately 12:15 p.m., Pismo Beach Police Officers responded to a report of a shooting victim near the pedestrian tunnel connecting the 800 block of Bello Street and Price Street. Three male subjects confronted the victim, identified as a 14-year-old male juvenile, about his necklace. During the incident, a physical altercation occurred between the three suspects and the victim, during which the necklace was forcibly removed from the victim's neck. The victim was subsequently shot in the finger.

After an extensive investigation, and with the help of the Santa Maria Police Department, Pismo Beach Police Department detectives identified the three suspects involved in the incident: Gregorio Morales (22), Noel Martinez Garcia (20) and Jaime Manuel Jr. (20), all of Santa Maria. The use of city surveillance cameras and license plate readers played a key role in assisting detectives with the identification of the suspects.

On March 19th, 2026, detectives, with the assistance of the San Luis Obispo Regional SWAT Team and the Santa Maria Police Department SWAT Team, simultaneously served arrest warrants and three residential search warrants. As a result, Garcia and Manuel Jr. were arrested without incident and transported to the San Luis Obispo County where they are being held without bail for assault with a deadly weapon, robbery and conspiracy. Morales is currently in custody on unrelated charges.

The investigation remains ongoing.

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