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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**March 15, 2016**

**VPD Report Number:** 16-03055

**Date/Time Occurred:** 2/28/16 @ 1535 Hours

**Type of Incident:** Attempted Murder

**Location:** 3611 N Dinuba @ "Riverway Sports Park"

**Name of Business (if applicable):**

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

- 1. Cerda, Samuel
- 2.
- 3.

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yes

**Details:** On February 28, 2016 at 1535 Hours, Patrol Officers responded to the Sports Park regarding a shooting that had just occurred. Upon their arrival, they were informed that a verbal argument occurred between the victim and the suspect who was inside a vehicle. During the verbal argument, the suspect produced a handgun and fired 1 round at the victim. The suspect fled the scene prior to the Officer's arrival. No one, including the victim, was injured.

The Violent Crimes Unit conducted a follow up investigation into the incident. On 3/12/16 @ 1736 Hours, the Special Enforcement Unit arrested Suspect Samuel Cerda for being in possession of a handgun (previous press release under VPD Report # 16-03731). The investigation revealed that Suspect Cerda was the shooter in this case. On 3/14/16, Suspect Cerda was interviewed regarding this case. He was then additionally booked for the Attempt Homicide in this case.

This incident appears to be gang related. The investigation is still ongoing. If anyone has any information, they are asked to call Det. James Cummings at (559)713-4722.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** VPD Patrol / Violent Crimes Unit /  
Special Enforcement Unit      **Supervisor:** Sgt. Kroeze



