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***Three Gang Members Arrested – Three Firearms Recovered
After “ShotSpotter” Activation***

March 10 – Three East Palo Alto gang members were arrested and three (3) firearms recovered Saturday after an early morning gun battle and a high-speed chase across the Dumbarton Bridge. Chester Best, Stoney Gipson and Oliver Ware were booked for resisting arrest, evading a police officer in a vehicle and possession of a firearm.

At around 2 a.m., ShotSpotter (a gunshot tracking system) alerted officers of shots fired at two separate locations at University Avenue and Bell Street and the 2100 block of Capitol Avenue.

A sergeant responding to the ShotSpotter detection observed a dark-colored sedan leaving the area and attempted to follow it, but couldn't keep up in the older police vehicle. Another officer, driving a new Dodge Charger patrol vehicle was called in and gave chase.

The suspects led officers on a vehicle chase through East Palo Alto and across the Dunbarton bridge into Fremont and Union City where the suspect vehicle hit a curb and blew out its tires. The three suspects then fled on foot. Officers from Fremont, Union City, CHP, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Menlo Park assisted EPA Officers in setting a perimeter and capturing all three suspects.

It appears the three suspects were involved in a gun battle with another unidentified vehicle when ShotSpotter detected the shots and alerted officers to their location. The shooting incident is still under investigation. The three suspects could also each face a count of negligent discharging of a firearm if shell casings recovered match the three handguns recovered.

ShotSpotter notified the police of the gunshots a minute before the first call from a resident was received. ShotSpotter was also able to pinpoint the exact location of the shots fired where officers recovered the shell casing as evidence.

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