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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ACCIDENT SCAM SUSPECT ARRESTED**

**DATE:** September 29, 2015

**LOCATIONS:** City Square Shopping Center Parking Lot, 1800-Block N. Milpitas Blvd., Milpitas  
Crescent Square Shopping Center Parking Lot, 1700-Block N. Milpitas Blvd. Milpitas

**CASE #:** 15-229-088

**SUSPECT 1:** Antonio Humberto Martinez, 31-year-old male, San Jose resident

**VICTIM #1:** 74-year-old female, Milpitas resident

**VICTIM #2:** 29-year-old female, Santa Clara resident

**VICTIM #3:** 65-year-old female, Fremont resident

On Tuesday, August 11, 2015, a Milpitas Police officer investigated a theft by false pretenses in the parking lot of City Square Shopping Center at the 1800(B) N. Milpitas Blvd. The suspect claimed Victim #1 struck him with her vehicle and demanded money. The victim feared for her safety and gave the suspect \$140.00.

On August 17, 2015, a Milpitas Police officer investigated another theft by false pretenses in the parking lot of Crescent Square Shopping Center at the 1700(B) N. Milpitas Blvd. Like the previous case, the suspect claimed Victim #2 struck him with her vehicle and demanded money. When Victim #2 tried to call police the suspect grabbed her phone, pulled out an unknown black object and threatened to shock her. The suspect grabbed \$20.00 from Victim #2 then returned her phone and left the scene.

On August 30, 2015, a Milpitas Police officer investigated an attempted theft by false pretenses in the parking lot of City Square Shopping Center at the 1800(B) N. Milpitas Blvd. The suspect claimed Victim #3 struck him with her vehicle and demanded money. During this investigation, Milpitas officers located Antonio Humberto Martinez, a 31 year-old San Jose resident, who was nearby and matched the description provided. Martinez was determined to be the suspect in this case and he was issued a citation for attempted theft by false pretenses and was released at the scene.

Milpitas detectives reviewed the police report from the investigation on August 30th and saw that Martinez matched the suspect description from the prior cases on August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>. Detectives later confirmed Martinez was responsible for all 3 Milpitas cases and obtained an arrest warrant for two (2) counts of robbery and one (1) count of attempted theft by false pretenses.



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On September 29, 2015, a team of Milpitas detectives located Martinez in front of his apartment in San Jose. Martinez attempted to flee from detectives, but with assistance from the San Jose Police Department he was taken into custody. Martinez was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail.

If you or someone you know were victim of a similar incident by suspect Martinez, or if you have any information regarding this investigation please call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling the Crime Tip Hotline at (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department website at:

[http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime\\_tip.asp](http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime_tip.asp)

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