



VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Press Release

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VPD Case #12-13108

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On October 18th a female victim (name withheld) arrived at Vallejo PD with signs of injury related to a Domestic Violence reportedly caused by her live-in boyfriend, Christopher Merino-Burnett. The victim stated that in the early morning hours of the 18th Merino-Burnett came home and an argument ensued between him and the victim. The couple reside together in the 500 block of Almond St. The victim locked herself in a bathroom. Merino-Burnett fired a round through the wall from a handgun at her, kicked the door in and physically assaulted her. It was reported that Merino-Burnett "would shoot it out with the police" if they were called. The victim indicated that Merino-Burnett and another subject who was visiting the home (name withheld) took some pills and fell asleep following the assault.

While Merino-Burnett was asleep, the victim gathered their child and escaped from the residence. The Victim advised that Merino-Burnett was in possession of a handgun and a rifle. Due to the nature of the call, the Vallejo/Benicia South County Regional SWAT team was activated. Telephone contact was initiated with Merino-Burnett by the Vallejo Police Hostage Negotiation Team. Merino-Burnett eventually exited his residence to the awaiting SWAT team and was taken into custody without further incident.

Following Merino-Burnett's arrest Detectives searched the residence and recovered two assault rifles and a 9 mm pistol. Merino-Burnett has been charged with various Domestic Violence, Assault, Threats and Weapons violations. Merino-Burnett was booked at the Solano County Jail.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is requested to contact
Detective Drew Ramsay at 800-488-9383

Suspect: **Merino-Burnett, Christopher J, WM, 22 yrs old.**

