



WALNUT CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Chief of Police Thomas Chaplin

For Immediate Release

WCPD Case Number: 20-13675

Date / Time Occurred: May 21, 2020 at 6:23 p.m.

Location: 1200 block of Newell Avenue

Suspect Description: Both suspects are described as adult males with dark skin. Both suspects had on masks that covered their faces.

Vehicle Description: Light colored sedan

The Walnut Creek Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying two suspects involved in a shooting that occurred in the 1200 block of Newell Avenue. On May 21, 2020, at approximately 6:23 p.m., the Walnut Creek Police Department responded to the report of gunshots heard in the area of the 1200 block of Newell Avenue. Officers arrived on scene and located bullet casings, shattered glass and drops of blood in the area.

At approximately 6:36 p.m., officers learned that two male adults were transported to local hospitals for gunshot wounds related to this incident. Both males sustained non-life threatening injuries and are in stable condition. Further investigation revealed that this incident occurred in the parking lot of a business in the 1200 block of Newell Avenue.

Officers located video surveillance of the parking lot which revealed two suspects armed with handguns approached the passenger side of a parked vehicle. The suspects were wearing face masks and immediately shot at the victim inside the vehicle. The victim was struck at least once and an occupant in the victim's vehicle returned fire. The two suspects fled the scene in an unknown make and model vehicle.

The investigation revealed one of the subjects treated for a gunshot wound was an innocent bystander struck by gun fire during the incident.

The occupant of the parked vehicle who returned fire, was identified as John Rankin. He was arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Shooting into an Inhabited Vehicle.

As a result of the investigation, John Rankin was arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Shooting into an Inhabited Vehicle.

Today, the Walnut Creek Police Department is releasing this video and asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspects. At this time, a motive for the shooting has not been determined.

If anyone has information regarding this incident please call Detective Leonard at 925-256-3523.



Arrested: John Rankin
Date of Birth: 09/28/1991
Residence: Detroit, Michigan
Charges: PC 245 (A)(2)-Assault with a Deadly Weapon/Firearm
PC 246-Discharge Firearm at an Occupied Vehicle