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- NEWS RELEASE -

Date: March 18, 2023 Media Contact: Lt. Bruce Jower
Case #: 23-9360 jower@walnutcreekpd.com
Arrested: William Hleza (20-year-old resident of Pittsburg, CA)
Emmanuel Hleza (20-year-old resident of Pittsburg, CA)
Charges: **PC 664/215 Attempted Carjacking**
PC 182 Conspiracy to commit a crime
PC 207 Kidnapping

TWO ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED CARJACKING

On 03/18/2023 at 5:42 P.M., the Walnut Creek Police Department responded to an in-progress carjacking in a parking lot in the 2500 block of N. Main Street that involved two male suspects. The suspects opened the front passenger and driver's side doors, dragged the male victim out of the car, and then kicked him in the stomach in an attempt to steal his car. A citizen intervened, causing the suspects to flee.

Officers arrived within minutes and located the suspects running on Third Avenue. Responding units quickly set a perimeter, located the suspects hiding on Cameo Court, and safely took them into custody. The suspects were identified as William Hleza and Emmanuel Hleza. Both were arrested for attempted carjacking, kidnapping, and conspiracy and were transported to the county jail in Martinez on \$350,000 bail each. No weapons were involved, and the victim sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene.

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