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On Saturday, May 16, 2015, at approximately 4:16 PM, Quartzsite Police Department (QPD) was called to the scene of a shooting at the intersection of Palo Verde and Main Street in the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona. This information was provided to the QPD from the La Paz County Sheriff's Office dispatcher from a 911 caller. QPD Officer Conley and Sergeant Frausto arrived on scene and observed numerous individuals and a Hispanic male, later identified as **Roberto Chavez, Jr.**, bleeding with a single gun shoot wound to the upper arm and back area. The Quartzsite Fire Department was dispatched to the scene where the shooting victim **Roberto Chavez, Jr.** was airlifted to West Valley Hospital in Phoenix with serious injuries. A short time later, QPD located the described shooter's vehicle at 621 Spring Street in Quartzsite. Chief Renfro called and assigned case Detective Mike Lancaster to the West Valley Hospital to interview and obtain his medical condition. The Quartzsite Police Department has spent hours processing the vehicle and scene by gathering evidence and witness statements. QPD worked late into the night attempting to locate the shooting suspect(s).

On Sunday May 17, 2015, at approximately 1:09 PM by good police work, QPD located and arrested **Ryan Rangel** for Attempted First Degree Murder and Aggravated Assault at Hadlock's "Shady Spot" space number 6 (#40) in Quartzsite. Also, **Gloria Huerta** was arrested and charged for Hindering and Facilitation of a fugitive. Both **Ryan Rangel** and **Gloria Huerta** were booked into the La Paz County Sheriff's Department jail in Parker, Arizona for the above listed charges. QPD will file long form charges through the La Paz County Attorney's Office on the driver of the get-a-way vehicle identified as **Orlando Tinoco** for Attempted First Degree Murder and Aggravated Assault.

The Quartzsite Police Department continued to vigorously investigate all angles and aspects of the case surrounding the shooting of **Roberto Chavez, Jr.** At approximately 1600 hours, the QPD recovered the weapon used in the shooting of **Roberto Chavez, Jr.** At this time, QPD will submit all evidence for forensic examination in support of the all charges.

Chief Renfro would like to thank all the community members who provided valuable information and assisted us in the capture of **Ryan Rangel**. The Quartzsite PD is dedicated to working hard and protecting our citizens.

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