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House Shooter Appears in Court

A Chico teenager was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court this afternoon for his participation in the early morning shooting of an inhabited home on May 8, 2023.

Oscar Sebastian Castrejon-Sanchez, 18, was arraigned on a single felony count of shooting at an inhabited dwelling. The charge stems from a shooting that occurred in the early morning hours of Monday, May 8, 2023, at a home on Arch Way in Chico.

Neighbors reported hearing approximately eight gunshots and seeing two individuals flee the scene immediately after. The residents of the home, which included two minors under the age of five, were awakened by the sound of the gunshots. It was later discovered several bullets had entered their house including one that passed within a foot of a three-year-old child asleep on a couch in the front room.

Chico Police officers responded to the scene and using a drone quickly located Castrejon-Sanchez who was hiding in a drainage ditch at nearby Wildwood Park. Officers also located a second person, a fourteen-year-old male, who was associated with Castrejon-Sanchez.

Both males were arrested and taken into custody. Two handguns were also located in Castrejon-Sanchez's possession. During the booking process at the Butte County Jail, Castrejon-Sanchez admitted to being a local gang associate.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey noted the shooting was a targeted retaliation towards a young male who lived in the home and had previously been involved in a physical fight with Castrejon-Sanchez at a local school approximately a month prior.

Due to the nature of the shooting, Ramsey noted that his office asked for Castrejon-Sanchez to be held without bail, citing strong public safety concerns. At the arraignment, the judge granted the request and held Castrejon-Sanchez in custody without bail. Castrejon-Sanchez's next court appearance is scheduled for May 17, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. for further arraignment. Castrejon-Sanchez faces up to seven years in state prison on this shooting charge.

Ramsey also noted that charges were not filed on the fourteen-year-old at this time pending further investigation.