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## Press Release

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## **Huntington Beach Police Department Attempted Murder Investigation Update and Arrest of the Suspect in Connection to the Shooting on Sunday, September 17, 2023.**

On Sunday, September 17, 2023, at approximately 11 p.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) responded to the Jack in the Box at 16311 Beach Boulevard after receiving reports of a male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Officers located the victim, and he was immediately transported to a local trauma center. The victim survived, and the suspect was not located at the time.

Detectives from the Crimes Against Persons (CAP) Unit immediately initiated their investigation. Through extensive follow-up, the suspect was identified and discovered to have fled out of state after the shooting.

CAP detectives obtained an arrest warrant for 33-year-old Chaz Gooden of Pleasant Grove, Alabama. On Saturday, November 4, 2023, CAP detectives tracked Gooden and discovered he was in the Southern California area. Gooden's location was narrowed down to the City of Fontana, and detectives quickly responded. Detectives confirmed Gooden's location and contacted the Fontana Police Department (FPD). Gooden was eventually contacted by FPD patrol officers and safely taken into custody.

CAP detectives interviewed Gooden and his associate. FPD officers later booked Gooden on the PC 664(a)-187(a) (Attempted Murder) and PC 245(b) (Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Firearm) arrest warrant. His bail is set at \$500,000.

The investigation is still ongoing, and no further details will be released at this time. We ask anyone with information related to this crime to call Detective R. Chen at (714) 536-5653. Additionally, please contact the OC Crime Stoppers at 1 (855) TIP-OCCS (1-855-847-6227) to remain anonymous.

We thank the FPD for their quick response, cooperation, and professionalism in this successful operation.

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