



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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SYNOPSIS:

On December 8, 2020 an arrest warrant was issued in San Diego County for 18 year-old Richard Anthony Bell of El Cajon, for the charge of attempted murder, related to the December 4th shooting outside of an unlicensed marijuana dispensary.

On December 11, 2020, at about 11:00pm, members of the United States Marshal Service Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force in Las Vegas, Nevada arrested Bell inside of a hotel/casino on the Las Vegas Strip. Bell is being held on \$2,000,000 bail for the fugitive warrant and is awaiting extradition proceedings to be returned to San Diego County.

The 16 year-old victim in this case remains hospitalized and is expected to survive.

The incident is not believed to be related to the operations of the unlicensed dispensary. The investigation is on-going, and the shooting is believed to be gang-related.

Information from original release:

On December 4, 2020, at about 12:00pm, deputies from the Lakeside Sheriff's Substation responded to a call of a shooting in the 1600 block of N. 2nd Street, in unincorporated El Cajon. A 16 year-old victim was located by officers from El Cajon Police Department several blocks away on 2nd Street in the city of El Cajon. The victim suffered from several apparent gunshot wounds and was transported to the hospital by paramedics. The victim was last known to be in critical condition. No arrests have been made in this case and the investigation is on-going.

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