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INFORMATION RELEASE
Assault/Abduction-Missing Teenager
Update #2

An Amber Alert was issued today for 15-year-old Pearl Pinson. Pearl went missing yesterday morning in the area of Home Acres and Taylor Ave at the I-780 pedestrian over cross in Vallejo. Investigators identified 19-year-old Fernando Castro as a suspect in this case and later learned he was driving a gold 1997 Saturn, California license plate 5XZD385.

The Saturn was spotted in San Luis Obispo County where CHP and later, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office chased the vehicle. There was a shootout. Then the man driving the car drove into a residential area, got out of the car and ran into a nearby mobile home. A woman was inside that home at the time, but was able to run out safely. The suspect stole a truck from her house and not long after fired at law enforcement again and they returned fire, killing the suspect. We believe the shooting suspect to be Fernando Castro. At this time, Pearl has not been found. We have received many tips regarding her whereabouts and we are following up on leads.

We now know, the Saturn Castro was driving was seen on surveillance cameras in the area of Sir Frances Drake Blvd near the San Rafael Bridge around 9:30 this morning in Marin County.

We have deputies in the Marin County area gathering more information right now. We urge the community to continue calling in any information in this case to our dedicated Pearl Pinson tip-line at 707-784-1963. Please follow us on Facebook and on Twitter for the latest updates.

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