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EVIDENCE:

1. One C.D. of my interview with Beverly Rhoads. This interview was conducted while enroute to John Muir Hospital and while we were at John Muir hospital. I turned the C.D. into evidence.
2. The consent to search form signed by Beverly Rhoads at John Muir hospital giving us permission to search her residence at 1110 Boulevard Way.
3. C.D. containing two photographs of the cuts to Nathan Medina's left wrist. The photographs were taken by Detective Bertolozzi at the M.D.F. I booked the C.D. into evidence.

INVESTIGATION:

On Thursday 3-20-08, at approx. 1032 hrs. Walnut Creek Police dispatch received a "911" call reporting a possible robbery at 1110 Boulevard Way in Walnut Creek. The "911" caller identified herself as Beverly Rhoads. She said that her son had been shot and was lying on the laundry room floor in a pool of blood. She said she was in the laundry room with her son. The caller said she thought the suspect was still in the house and she was afraid to try and leave. She told the dispatcher that the person who shot her son is Nathan Medina. She said Medina was wearing a black hat, black jacket and black pants. She said he was armed with a black handgun.

Several patrol officers responded to the scene and because the suspect was still possibly in the residence a perimeter was set. Officers and police dispatch made several attempts to contact anyone in the house with negative results.

At approx. 1205 hrs. Officer's rescued Beverly Rhoads by having her crawl through the laundry room window. At that time they noticed a white male lying on the laundry room floor. He was unresponsive and he was lying in a large pool of blood. He was bleeding heavily from a head wound. Beverly Rhoads was escorted away from the residence and escorted to Boulevard Way, a safe distance away from her residence. She was crying and was visibly

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upset. She was complaining that her face and eyes were burning from being sprayed with pepper spray. I contacted her and requested an ambulance respond. She identified herself to me as Beverly Rhoads. She indicated to me that her son Joshua Rhoads was inside the house and had been shot. She told me that Nathan Medina shot him.

A.M.R. was summoned to the scene and I road in the ambulance with Beverly Rhoads to John Muir hospital for treatment. While we were enroute to J.M.H. I began a taped interview with Rhoads. The interview was done in the ambulance as well as in the emergency room at J.M.H. I had to stop the interview at various times because Rhoads became very emotional, as well as when she was being treated by hospital personal. Beverly Rhoads gave me the following statement about this incident:

Beverly Rhoads said that she was inside her house with her adult son Joshua Rhoads. She said she and Joshua are the only ones who live in the house. There is a small cottage behind her house that she rents out to a person named Sean Mendell.

Rhoads said that this morning she was in her den working at her computer when the electrical power went out. She yelled to her son Joshua that the power went out and he told her to check the circuit box located in the laundry room. Beverly went to the laundry room and checked the circuit box and noticed that all the switches were still on. Joshua then came into the laundry room to assist her. At that point they noticed that only the electrical power in the den was out. The power in the rest of the house was working. Beverly said that while they were in the laundry room she heard her front door open. She walked toward the front door to see who was there. As she walked toward the front door a person who she clearly recognized as Nathan Medina immediately met her. The front door was unlocked, and Medina had walked in the house without knocking. Medina did not say anything and immediately sprayed her in the face with pepper spray. Beverly said she screamed and ran towards the laundry room. Joshua Rhoads heard the scream and came out into the hallway where he confronted Medina. Joshua told Medina to get out of the house. Medina said nothing, and immediately sprayed Joshua with pepper spray. Medina then attempted to grab Beverly, however she and Joshua ran into the laundry room and closed the door. Joshua was pushing the laundry room door shut, in order to prevent Medina from entering. Beverly Rhoads said Medina began shooting his gun through the laundry room door. She said he fired more than one shot, but she could not tell me how many gunshots he fired. Joshua yelled to his mother that he had been shot. He told Beverly to call the police. Beverly said she was very scared and called "911" to report the incident. Beverly said she did not know where Joshua had been shot. She said that while she was on the phone with the dispatcher Medina began breaking the door. She said the door broke in half and that Medina reached through the broken door and continued to shoot her son. Beverly said Medina held the gun in his right hand. Beverly said that Joshua was on the floor lying in front of the door. Beverly could not tell me how many shots Medina fired from his gun. Beverly said that Joshua was not moving and was bleeding very heavily from his head. Beverly told me that Medina was wearing a black knit cap and dark colored long sleeve shirt or jacket. At first she thought he may have been wearing a mask but later she said that he just had the knit cap pulled down on his forehead. She said she clearly recognized him from his face and overall appearance as Nathan Medina. After shooting her son, Medina disappeared from her view. I asked Beverly where she was in the laundry room. She said she was lying down crouched in a corner. She said she didn't think Medina saw her hiding. Beverly said she continued to hear noises and