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Arrests made in separate disturbances downtown

Salem, Ore. — At approximately 10:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, the dispatch center received several reports of an adult male brandishing a gun at a group of people who were gathered in the south entrance parking lot of <u>Riverfront Park</u>. Witnesses reported the man left the location in a black pickup truck before Salem Police officers arrived. They provided police with a description of the suspect and details of the disturbance.

About 20 minutes later, officers were called to a fight involving a large group of people in the parking lot of the Safeway store located at <u>Center and 12th STS NE</u>. As officers arrived on the scene, the suspect and several individuals fled in a black pickup truck believed to be involved in the incident at Riverfront Park.

After a short distance, the driver of the pickup, identified as Martin Andrew Gonzalez, age 33, collided with two vehicles on Marion ST NE: one vehicle at Liberty ST and another at Commercial ST.

A gun and a high-capacity magazine were recovered. Gonzalez was arrested and lodged at the Marion County Jail on various related charges, including felon in possession of a firearm, unlawful use of a weapon, and reckless endangering.

An unnamed female juvenile occupant in the truck, age 13, was also arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm and lodged at the <u>Marion County Juvenile Department</u>. The Salem Police Department does not provide the name of any minor involved in a criminal investigation.

Several individuals involved in the collision requested medical transport to Salem Health. No information about their medical status is available.

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