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Eighth firearm this year seized incident to arrest by Central Falls Police:

CENTRAL FALLS – On August 17, 2015 at approximately 10:05 a.m., information was provided to the Central Falls Police Department by a witness who had just observed a subject, described as a Hispanic male with a white shirt, fire a handgun near a wooded area on Ledge Street across from the municipal parking lot.

Fortuitously, the witness captured a video of the incident which was shown to one of responding officers, Eileen Crenshaw, who immediately identified the assailant as Rondell Diaz, 18, of Central Falls from her prior contact with him. This information was immediately relayed to the other police units as they rapidly converged on the area.

Arriving officers observed Diaz standing in a driveway on Fletcher Street, and upon seeing the officers, reached into his right pant pocket and quickly motioned backwards. A foot chase ensued on Fletcher Street where Sergeant Nathan McGarry observed the suspect throw a silver and black handgun into the driveway of 21 Fletcher Street. The suspect was quickly taken into custody by the sergeant without incident or injury.

The seized firearm was identified as being a Bersa Thunder .380 caliber semi-automatic; the serial number of which was obliterated. The weapon was discovered to be loaded with a live-round in the chamber.

Diaz was processed and later transported to 6th District Court where he was arraigned on the following offenses: license or permit required for carrying a pistol, firing in a compact area, and alter of marks of identification on a firearm.

The presiding judge set bail at five thousand dollars with surety; the pre-arraignment conference is scheduled for October 26th.

This is the eighth firearm seized this year by Central Falls police where an arrest has been made.

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