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THREE SUBJECTS ARRESTED ON WEAPON CHARGES

On 8-17-2012 at approximately 3:30 a.m. officers conducted a walk through of the West Wood 1 Apartment complex due to recent shots fired calls in the area. While they were walking through the apartment complex they observed three subjects walk around the corner towards them. The officers observed one of the subjects carrying a shotgun.

Officers gave the subjects orders to stop and put the gun down, at which time two of the subjects turned around and fled on foot with the shotgun. The third subject identified as 18 year old Coalinga resident Cory Crawford stopped when ordered by the police and was detained.

Officers chased the other two subjects to apartment 31 at the West Wood 1 apartment complex. Officers knocked on the door to the apartment and a female answered the door. As she answered the door the officers observed 19 year old Huron resident Salvador Salazar Jr. behind her. Salazar was sweating and out of breath. Officers asked the female if they could enter the apartment and conduct a consent search. Upon receiving permission, officers entered the apartment and located a juvenile sitting on a bed in the back room. Salazar and the juvenile were detained as officers recovered a kitchen knife that Salazar had admitted to having when he ran from the officers.

As the officers were walking back through the hallway of the apartment they observed one of the air vents ajar. One of the officers shined his flashlight in the vent and located a loaded sawed off shotgun.

At that time the three subjects were arrested and transported to the Coalinga Police Department. All three subjects were booked on felony charges of possession of a loaded firearm in public, possession of a firearm with altered serial numbers, participating in a criminal street gang and associating with a street gang. Salazar had additional charge of being in possession of a firearm after being convicted of certain misdemeanor charges. The juvenile was book on an additional charge of probation violation. The two adults were transported to the Fresno County jail and the juvenile was transported to Juvenile Hall.



Salvador Salazar Jr.



Cory Crawford

Subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.