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“SHOOTING SUSPECTS APPREHENDED”

On December 22, 2012 at approximately 10:18 p.m., Coalinga Police Officers responded to the 200 block of East Elm Street on a report of the negligent discharge of a firearm within the City limits.

Upon arrival, Officers contacted two victims who reported that they were confronted by an unidentified Hispanic male adult and an unidentified Hispanic female adult, who started an argument with the victims. During the argument, the unidentified Hispanic male produced a black 9mm semi-automatic firearm and he proceeded to shoot the weapon into the air. The unidentified male and female fled the scene, with the female driving.

During the investigation, surveillance footage was obtained from a local business, showing both the male and female suspects just prior to the altercation. The victim's in the case positively identified both the male and female in the surveillance video as the suspects.

Coalinga Police Officers were able to identify the male as 21 year old Avenal resident Rafael Arellano and the female was identified as his wife, 22 year old Avenal resident Diana Quintana Arellano, formerly of Coalinga.

On January 22, 2013, members of the Coalinga Police Department executed a search warrant in the 1000 block of South Seventh Avenue in the City of Avenal. During the execution of the search warrant, Rafael Arellano and Diana Quintana Arellano were taken into custody on various charges. A search of the couples home led to the recovery of spent 9mm casing and other evidence related to the crime.

Rafael Arellano and Diana Quintana Arellano were booked into the Fresno County Jail. Rafael Arellano was also found to be residing in the United State's illegally and an Immigrations and Customs Enforcement detainer has been issued for him.

Rafael Arellano and Diana Quintana Arellano are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

