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## "Replica Firearms"

On January 23, 2013 at approximately 5:20 pm, Coalinga Police Officers responded to the corner of North Coalinga and Harvard Streets on a report of a male juvenile carrying a semi-automatic handgun. The caller reported that the male who was carrying the firearm was acting suspicious, and was seen in an alleyway. The caller provided a detailed description of the male for responding officers and remained on the telephone with Coalinga Police Communications as the incident transpired.

Upon officers arrival, a male juvenile matching the description was observed by officers attempting to hide behind a fence. The male was in the company of two other juveniles.

Due to the nature of the call, the males were ordered to come out from behind the fence at gun point as other police resources responded to the area. The three juveniles were detained pending further investigation.

The investigation led to the discovery that the three males were in possession of black B.B. guns which resembled common firearms. The males were counseled and were turned over to their parents.

The Coalinga Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that although B.B. guns may appear harmless, they strongly resemble common firearms and residents will inadvertently report the activity to law enforcement who will respond to the call using police tactics.