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## **For Immediate Release:**

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## **“Shooting Suspects Arrested after Tossing Gun During Foot Chase”**

On September 1, 2014, at 9:31 pm, Coalinga Police Communications began receiving multiple 9-1-1 emergency calls of shots being fired into a residence in the 200 block of East Houston Street.

Officers arrived and learned that six .45 caliber rounds were fired into an occupied home. None of the home’s occupants were hurt.

At approximately 9:41pm, as officers investigated the shooting on East Houston Street, multiple 9-1-1 calls were made from various parts of the City reporting additional shots being fired in the 300 block of West Polk Street. Officers responded to the area and learned that six .45 caliber rounds were fired into an occupied home. None of the home’s occupants were hurt.

At approximately 10:36pm, additional 9-1-1 calls were made reporting gunshots in the area of Jefferson Street at Fresno Street. Police responded to the area and learned that two shots were fired into an occupied home in the 500 block of Fresno Street and 4 shots were fired into an occupied home in the 200 block of Jefferson Street. In both cases, a .45 caliber weapon was used. None of the home’s occupants were hurt.

As additional police personnel responded to the area of Jefferson Street and Fresno Street, after hearing several shots being fired in the area. Officers saw two males, wearing dark clothing, running from the scene in the 200 block alley of Jefferson Street.

Officers and Detectives gave chase and apprehended one of the suspects a short distance away. The suspect was found to be a 13 year old juvenile and a documented Bulldog criminal street gang member.

Officers continued to chase the second suspect who fled the area onto North Sixth Street, where

he threw a firearm into a yard. Officers were able to apprehend the second suspect in the area of North Sixth Street at Elm Avenue after a successful Taser deployment. The second suspect was identified as a 14 year old juvenile as well and a documented member of the Bulldog criminal street gang.

Both juveniles are on active felony probation in Fresno County. One of the juveniles was also found to have an active no bail arrest warrant issued in Fresno County for a probation violation.

The firearm that was used was tossed and was recovered. The firearm was found to be a .45 caliber Colt semi-automatic firearm. Police are working to identify if the firearm is stolen.

Detectives believe both juveniles and the firearm may be linked to two prior shootings in Coalinga that occurred on August 7, 2014 and August 30, 2014.

The juveniles were booked into the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Campus on various felony charges including, conspiracy, criminal possession of a firearm, shooting into an occupied structure, gang enhancements, probation violations, as well as resisting arrest.

The Coalinga Police Department anticipates making additional arrests with information gathered during the course of this investigation. The investigation into the juvenile's involvement into the two prior shootings is continuing.

The Coalinga Police Department would like to thank the public for their assistance in reporting the shootings and for coming forward with information.

“All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law”