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Officers Respond to Possible Armed Man

On Wednesday November 26, 2014, at about 1256 p.m. Coalinga Police were dispatched regarding a report of a man with a gun near Fourth/Glenn.

Officers responded and contacted 63-year-old Dewayne Eugene Franklin, of Coalinga, who was found to be in possession of a BB gun. Franklin was cited for Penal Code Section 20170(a) – Public Display of a Replica Firearm.

PC 20170(a) states No person may openly display or expose any imitation firearm in a public place.

This law does not require the brandishing of an imitation firearm, merely the display of it in public.

Penal Code Section 20150 (a) is a misdemeanor for any person to remove the orange tips from imitation firearms and states - Any person who changes, alters, removes, or obliterates any coloration or markings that are required by any applicable state or federal law or regulation, for any imitation firearm, or any device described in subdivision (b) of Section 16700, in a way that makes the imitation firearm or device look more like a firearm, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Citizens are asked to remember that when Officers are responding to calls that possibly involve firearms, for their safety they must treat the situation as if a real firearm is involved until they have safely confirmed otherwise.

Please use caution and common sense when using or transporting any imitation firearms.

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