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PRESS RELEASE

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Two Coalinga Residents arrested with a Loaded Firearm

On March 6, 2016, Coalinga PD was dispatched to the area of Cambridge Avenue and Elm Avenue regarding a blue Ford Mustang that was seen pointing a firearm at a gray passenger vehicle. Officers were able to locate the involved gray passenger vehicle and contacted three known Norteno Criminal Street Gang members. During the course of the investigation, it was learned that the driver of the involved blue Ford Mustang was Jesus Ayala, another known Norteno Criminal Street Gang member. Ayala is alleged to have pulled up next to the gray vehicle, produced a black firearm and pointed it at the subjects in the gray vehicle. At that time, the gray vehicle fled the area, with the mustang chasing them for a short time..

Officer's checked several known locations for Ayala or the mustang but were unable to locate him.

On March 7, 2016, approximately 5:26pm, Officer's located the blue mustang involved in the March 6th incident in the area of Forest Avenue and Sacramento Street. Officers conducted a high risk traffic stop at Forest Avenue and Pacific Avenue. The driver of mustang, Jesus Ayala, was arrested without incident for the March 6 incident. One of the passengers of the vehicle, a 15-year-old Coalinga resident and known Norteno Criminal Street Gang member, fled the scene on foot and is still at large. The

third passenger, Allan Cardoso, was also arrested for a probation violation for associating with known Criminal Street Gang members without incident.

A search of the mustang yielded a semiautomatic 9mm firearm and was seized as evidence.

Both Ayala and Cardoso were transported and booked into the Coalinga City Jail pending being transported to the Fresno County Jail for charges including Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Brandishing a Firearm, Gang Enhancement charges and Probation Violations.

This investigation is ongoing. Coalinga PD encourages anyone who may have information on this case or any other criminal activity to report the information at 559-935-1525.