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Firearm Recovered During Traffic Stop

On October 12, 2024, at about 5pm, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for violations of the California Vehicle Code. The driver was contacted and identified as 21-year-old Coalinga resident, Trinidad Anthony Ramirez, a known associate of the Westside Coalinga Norteno criminal street gang.

During the course of the stop Ramirez was asked to step out of the vehicle multiple times which he refused to do and began resisting officers. After a brief struggle, Trinidad got out of the vehicle and was placed under arrest for PC 148(a)(1). A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded 9mm pistol with a large capacity magazine. The pistol did not have a serial number and was not registered. Ramirez was in violation of PC 25850(a) – Loaded firearm in public, PC 25850(C)(6) – Carrying a loaded non-registered handgun, PC 25850(c)(3) – Carrying loaded firearm as a gang member, PC 29180(c) – No serial number on firearm, and PC 32310 – Possession of a large capacity magazine.

During the stop/investigation the Ramirez' mother, Antoinette Jessica SanchezRamirez, arrived and began delaying and obstructing officers ongoing investigation. She was also arrested for interfering with the police investigation, PC 148(a)(1).

Both parties were later transported to the Fresno County Jail and booked on their above charges.

A note to the general public, although it is not recommended, if you do show up to an active police investigation, you must stay a safe distance away from the scene and obey all lawful commands given by the officers. A violation of PC 148(a)(1) is a misdemeanor which carries a possible sentence of up to one year in county jail and a maximum fine of \$1,000.00.