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FIREARMS RECOVERED DURING INVESTIGATION

On December 3rd, 2024, officers were working on an ongoing investigation involving the possession and sale of illegal firearms and ammunition being brought in from out of the state. During the investigation, officers recovered two ar-15-style rifles, high-capacity magazines, ammunition, and three suppressors. That recovery led officers to write a search warrant for the residence of those that were involved. Officers served that search warrant later in the day in the 700 block of East Elm and recovered additional ammunition and illegal narcotics.

As a result of the investigation several arrests were made. 57-year-old Chris Stader was arrested for several felony charges, including the transportation of illegal firearms across state lines, transportation of illegal firearms across state lines for sale, possession of suppressors, possession of unregistered firearms, and conspiracy to commit a crime. Chris' ex-wife, 55-year-old Coalinga resident Joey Stader, was arrested for charges including conspiracy to commit a crime and accessory to a crime. 49-year-old Coalinga resident Ubaldo Medina was arrested for charges including felon in possession of ammunition, committing a felony while out on bail, conspiracy to commit a crime and accessory to a crime. 45-year-old Coalinga resident Mayra Covarrubias was arrested on charges including possession of narcotics, conspiracy to commit a crime and accessory to a crime. All were transported to the Fresno County Jail.

