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GANG MEMBER ON PAROLE ARRESTED FOR FIREARMS CHARGE

On April 29th, 2025, officers with the Coalinga Police Department served a search warrant at a residence located in the 400 block of East Polk Street. The search warrant was the result of an ongoing investigation that began on April 22nd, 2025, following a report from an anonymous caller who observed a male subject running across Polk Street towards the C-Town Smoke Shop pointing a firearm at another subject.

Through the course of the investigation, officers identified the suspect as Juan Carlos Mendoza Jr. who is currently on parole for a prior conviction under Penal Code 245(a)(2) – Assault with a Firearm. Juan Carlos Mendoza Jr. is also an active member of the Sureno Criminal Street Gang. During the investigation, it was found that Juan Carlos Mendoza Jr. was chasing after rival Bulldog Criminal Street Gang Members who were hanging out at the smoke shop.

In conjunction with the search warrant, officers obtained a felony arrest warrant for Juan Carlos Mendoza Jr. for violation of Penal Code Section 29800(a)(1) – Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Juan Carlos Mendoza Jr. was located, taken into custody without incident, and transported to the Fresno County Jail where he was booked on the warrant and a violation of parole.

On April 30th, 2025, Juan Carlos Mendoza Jr. was released from the Fresno County Jail after Parole dropped the parole hold as a result of a Federal Overpopulation Order.

