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JUVENILE SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AND OTHER CRIMES

On July 4th, 2025, officers responded to the Coalinga Valley Market, 309 E. Polk Street, regarding the brandishing of a firearm. During the investigation it was determined the suspect pointed a firearm at multiple people during the incident. The suspect was identified as a local juvenile who is associated with the Norteno criminal street gang.

As the investigation continued, officers obtained enough evidence to write a search warrant for the suspect's residence and obtained a Ramey warrant for his arrest. On July 17th the Coalinga Police Department, with assistance from Fresno County Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (MAGEC), served the warrants in the 200 block of Hawthorne Street. During the search of the residence a loaded, unregistered, Smith & Wesson handgun with an extended magazine loaded with 11 rounds of ammunition was located in the juvenile suspects bedroom. It is believed to be the same firearm used in the crime. The juvenile suspect was arrested at the location for crimes including Brandishing, Terrorist Threats, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Criminal Gang Enhancement, Possession of a High-Capacity Magazine, Carrying a Loaded Firearm by a Gang Member, Carrying an Unregistered Loaded Firearm, and Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm. The suspect's juvenile sister was arrested for PC 148 after assaulting one of the officers, and his mother, Coalinga resident Valerie Bonilla, was arrested for Contributing to the Delinquency

of a Minor. Both juveniles were later transported to the Fresno Juvenile Justice Center and booked on their charges. Bonilla was cited and released from the Coalinga Police Dept.

Although an arrest was made in this case, if you have any further information related to this crime, please contact the Coalinga Police Department at 559-935-1525 opt 1. You may remain anonymous if you choose.

