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## PRESS RELEASE

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## KNOWN THIEF ARRESTED FOR OUTSTANDING WARRANT

On February 24, 2026, officers contacted Edgar Cervantes, also known as “Turtle”, in the 1500 block of Elizabeth Street riding a bicycle. Cervantes is known to the Coalinga Police Department as having an extensive criminal history which includes thefts, burglaries, stolen vehicles, evading, possession of narcotics, possession of firearms, and theft of mail. According to Cervantes, he was released from the Fresno County Jail two weeks ago regarding an unrelated crime. Upon further investigation, it was found that he was released from the Fresno County Jail on January 15, 2026. Cervantes was found to have an active warrant out of Kern County (city of Delano) for possession of stolen property, stolen vehicle, conspiracy, and theft of mail. Cervantes was taken into custody without incident and later transported to the Fresno County Jail.