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## PRESS RELEASE

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### VEHICLE STOP LEADS TO COCAINE POSSESSION ARREST

On March 31, 2026, at about 7:24am, officers conducted a vehicle stop on a silver BMW for several vehicle code violations. During the stop officers noticed open beer containers on the floorboard along with a clear plastic bag containing suspected cocaine. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Avenal resident 38-year-old Adrian Rodriguez Preciado Alvaro, was found to have a suspended driver's license due to a previous DUI conviction. During the course of the investigation, both the driver and passenger, identified as 29-year-old Avenal resident Geraldo Lopez Sanchez, were arrested. The substance later presumptively tested positive for being cocaine and weighed over 13 grams. Both Alvaro and Sanchez were booked into the Coalinga Police Department for Possession and Transportation of Cocaine and Possession of Open Containers, and Alvaro was also booked for Driving on a Suspended License. Both were later transported to the Fresno County Jail.

