Merced Police Department
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May 21, 2010 **MPD Case # 2010-30918** **Lieutenant Bimley West**
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CONVICTED FELON POSSESSING HANDGUN ARRESTED

Date/Time: 05/21/2010 11:27 P.M.
Location: 1123 Barney Street – Merced

Suspect: Jason Lee Xiong, 20-years-old
Charge: Felony in Possession of a Handgun and Gang Enhancements

Merced Police Officers Brian Rinder and Moses Nelson were dispatched to 1123 Barney Street regarding a report of loud noise from a party occurring at the residence. When officers arrived at the residence, they saw several juveniles in possession of beer and loud music was being played at the residence. During this time, the officers demanded the juveniles to stop drinking the alcoholic beverage and later allowed the juveniles to return to their homes. Rinder and Nelson realized that several gang members from a gang identified as Men of Destruction (MOD) were present at the party. One MOD gang member (Jason Lee Xiong) was hiding behind a bush on the side of the residence with a handgun (45 caliber handgun) in his possession. When Officer Rinder walked towards Xiong, Xiong dropped the handgun on the ground and ran to the backyard of the residence. Officer Rinder quickly picked up Xiong's handgun, which contained a full magazine of bullets, and then pursued as Xiong. Subsequently, after a short foot pursuit, Xiong was apprehended and arrested for felony possession of a handgun since Xiong is a convicted felon; he was also charge with gang enhancements due to Xiong being a validated gang member of MOD. Rinder booked Xiong at the Merced County Jail on the felony violations.

Picture of Suspect

Jason Lee Xiong (20-years-old)
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