Merced Police Department
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June 25, 2010 **MPD Case # 2010-38591** **Lieutenant Bimley West**
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TWO ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF DRUGS FOR SALE

Date/Time: 06/25/2010 6:55 P.M.
Location: 400 Block of W. 8th Street – Merced

Suspect #1: Chris Darrell Savoy Jr, 23-years-old, Resident of Turlock, Ca.
Charge: Possession of Rock Cocaine for Sale

Suspect #2: Jeren Michael Mills, 24-years-old, Resident of Merced, Ca.
Charge: Possession of Rock Cocaine for Sale

Merced Police Officer Ramon Ruiz walked up to two Chris Savoy and Jeren Mills who was standing in the 400 Block of W. 8th Street, making consensual contact with them. Officer Ruiz was informed by the police dispatchers that suspect Mills was on parole with search and seizure parole conditions. Ruiz conducted a pat-down search of Mills, which revealed that Mills had 6.12 grams of Rock Cocaine enclosed in a plastic bag that was located inside the front waistband area of his pants. Mills separated the cocaine into several smaller quantities (18 smaller baggies) to make it easier for him to individually sell the drugs to narcotic users. Officer Ruiz confiscated the cocaine and promptly arrested Mills for possessing the narcotics for the purpose of selling them to narcotic users.

Officer Ruiz then re-contacted suspect Savoy and asked him if he had any drugs in his possession. Savoy then reached down inside the front area of his pants and underwear. Savoy then removed a plastic bag containing 5.74 grams of Rock Cocaine and gave the drugs to Officer Ruiz. Ruiz then immediately confiscated the drugs and arrested Savoy for possessing rock cocaine for the purpose of selling it to others.

Both suspect was interviewed and booked at the Merced County Jail for possessing the drugs for the purpose of selling them. The Parole Department would not place a "violation of parole" hold on Mills, but will review his narcotics charge to determine whether his parole will be violated for the drug violation charge. The drugs were logged into the evidence facility at the Merced Police Department for future court proceedings.
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