Merced Police Department

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For Immediate Release

Incident: Shots Fired

Date and Time:	June 6, 2014, @ 8:23 PM
Location:	500 Block of W. 8th Street, City of Merced
Case Number:	14-25347
Charge:	Convicted Felon and Gang Member in Possession of a Firearm and Armed Robbery.

On 06/05/14, at approximately 8:23 PM, Officer Flores was on patrol in the area of W. 8th and "M" Street in the City of Merced. He saw Robert Yanez DOB 04/05/96, a known gang member in the area and when he made eye contact with Yanez, he took off running. While running Yanez was holding his waistband area of his pants leading Officer Flores to believe that Yanez may have a weapon. Officer Flores took chase after him and caught up to him in the 500 block of W. 11th Street. Yanez was not compliant with Officer Flores but was eventually detained and Yanez immediately told Officer Flores that he had a gun in right front pant pocket. The loaded gun was removed and secured and Yanez was arrested for being a felon in possession of a firearm. While still at the scene Officers were contacted by a citizen who said that he was the victim of an armed robbery the day before and that it was Yanez that had robbed him. The victim said that he was riding his bike near W. 8th and "M" Street when he was confronted by Yanez who pointed a gun at him and demanded his bike. The victim fell off his bike and as he fell Yanez took off on foot without taking the bike. Robert Yanez was booked for several felony charges at the Merced County Jail. Anyone with information is urged to call Merced Police Detective Chris Russell at (209) 385-4707

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