Merced Police Department

NEWS RELEASE

September 9, 2016

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For Immediate Release

Incident: Gang member in possession of a firearm.
Date and Time: September 9 2016 @ 8:04 P.M.
Location: 500 block of W Childs Ave Merced, CA
Victims: None
Arrested Persons: Jason Villa (37)
Case Number: 16-48395

On Friday September 9 2016, the Merced Police Department's Gang Violence Suppression Unit (GVSU) officers developed information that there was a wanted gang member at a residence in the 500 block of W Childs Ave in Merced. GVSU officers responded the residence and arrested gang member Jason Villa as he exited his home for a felony warrant. GVSU officers conducted a probation search of his home and located a 380 caliber handgun inside the kitchen of the residence. GVSU officers later booked Villa at the Merced County Jail for a felony warrant, felon in possession of a firearm/ammunition and gang enhancements.

Merced Police are asking anyone with any information regarding this crime to contact Gang Violence Suppression Unit (GVSU) Sgt. Rodriguez at (209) 385-4710, or the Merced Police Department Tipster Line at (209) 385-4725. The public can send information via anonymous text messages to police department by dialing "TIP411" (847411) and including the word "Comvip" as the "keyword" in the text message.
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Jason Villa