Merced Police Department

NEWS RELEASE

October 6, 2016

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For Immediate Release

Incident: Convicted felon arrested for possession of a stolen firearm.
Date and Time: October 6 2016 @ 5:12 P.M.
Location: 900 block of Motel Drive Merced, CA
Victims: None
Arrested Persons: Joe James (41)
Case Number: 16-53859

On Thursday, October 6 2016, the Merced Police Department's Gang Violence Suppression Unit (GVSU) officers conducted an investigation at a hotel in the 900 block of Motel Drive where GVSU officers contacted convicted felon Joe James and two other subjects. James had warrants for his arrest and submitted to a search of his room. During the search, GVSU officers located a stolen 40 caliber handgun, ammunition, and marijuana. James was arrested and later booked at the Merced County jail for felon in possession of a stolen firearm.

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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Joe James