Merced Police Department

# NEWS RELEASE

**October 22, 2016**

**Sgt. Brian Rodriguez**
**Gang Violence Suppression Unit**
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## For Immediate Release

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| Incident: | Convicted felon arrested for possession of firearms. |
| Date and Time: | October 22, 2016 @ 8:01 P.M. |
| Location: | Unit block of W 18th St. Merced, CA |
| Victims: | None |
| Arrested Persons: | John Mariano SR. (43) |
| Case Number: | 16-56933 |

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On Saturday, October 22 2016, the Merced Police Department's Gang Violence Suppression Unit (GVSU) officers conducted a probation search of a residence in the Unit block of W 18th Street occupied by probationer John Mariano. During the search, GVSU Officers located two 9mm caliber handguns, ammunition, packaged marijuana and digital scales inside the home. Mariano is a convicted felon and was arrested for possession of firearms. Mariano was later booked at the Merced County jail for felon in possession of firearms.

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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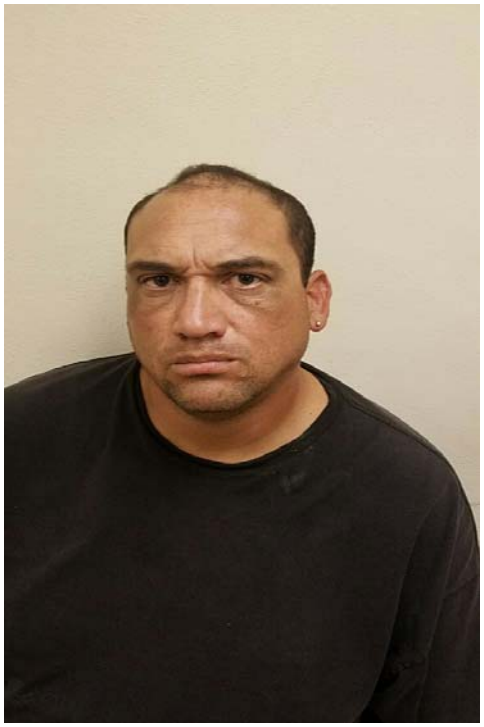

**John Mariano SR.**