

Merced Police Department

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July 5, 2019

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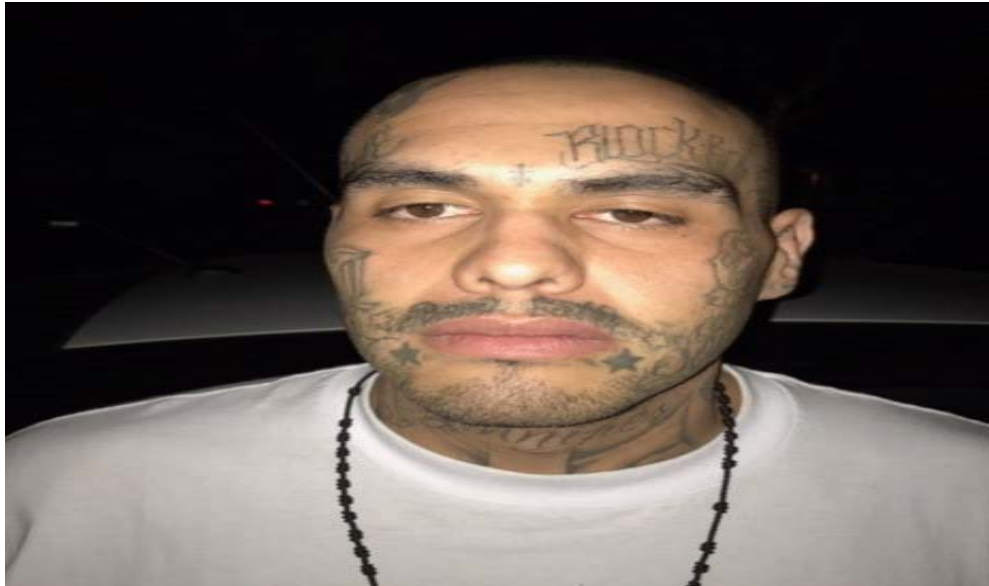
For Immediate Release

Incident: Gang Member arrested with a loaded firearm.
Date and Time: July 5, 2019 @ 10:22 P.M.
Location: 1000 block of E 22nd St in Merced, CA
Victims: None
Arrested Persons: Eric Tolentino (26)
Case Number: 19-39658

On July 5, 2019, the Merced Police Department's Gang Violence Suppression Unit (GVSU) developed information that gang member Eric Tolentino had a gun. Tolentino is a convicted felon prohibited from owning any firearms. GVSU officers located Tolentino in a parked car in the 1000 block of E 21st St in Merced. Officers searched him and located a loaded handgun on him. Tolentino was arrested and booked at the Merced County jail for weapons charges 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 GVSU@cityofmerced.org 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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Eric Tolentino

