

Merced Police Department

NEWS RELEASE

July 18, 2019

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For Immediate Release

Incident: Gang Member arrested with guns.
Date and Time: July 18, 2019 @ 4:19 P.M.
Location: 1200 block of 1st St in Merced, CA
Victims: None
Arrested Persons: Henry Avina (27)
Case Number: 19-42244

On July 18, 2019, the Merced Police Department's Gang Violence Suppression Unit (GVSU) contacted gang member Henry Avina who was a passenger in a car with another gang member. GVSU officers and Probation officers served a search warrant at a residence in the 1200 block of 1st St in Merced that was connected to Avina. During the search, officers located 2 rifles, a shotgun and ammunition. Avina was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm, ammunition and gang enhancements. He was booked at the Merced County Jail for the charges.

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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Henry Avina

