

Merced Police Department

NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Incident: Unlawful discharge of firearm
Date and Time: August 1, 2019 @ 1:21 A.M.
Location: 21st & "G" Street
Case Number: 19-45192

The Merced Police Department received three calls of shots fired on August 1, 2019 between the hours of 1:14 AM and 2:10 AM.

The first call of shots fired originated in the area of Meadows Avenue and Loughborough Drive at 1:14 AM. Responding officers located shell casing in the roadway. Officers also found a vehicle and an apartment had been struck by gunfire. There were no injuries reported.

The second call of shots fired originated in the area of 21st Street and "G" Street at 1:21 AM. Again, officers located shell casing in the roadway and located one residence that had been struck by gunfire. Witnesses in the area provided a vehicle description to the officers on scene. The vehicle was described as a white Chevy pickup, last seen going south on "G" Street. There were no injuries reported at this location.

The third call of shots fired originated in the 1400 block of Conestoga Drive at 2:10 AM. Responding officers again located shell casing in the roadway. There were no vehicles or buildings located that had been struck by gunfire. There were no injuries reported at this location.

Officers began conducting an investigation, with the limited information they had, and were able to locate the responsible white Chevy pickup in the 3600 block of White Dove Avenue in Merced. A search warrant was executed on a residence in the 3600 block of White Dove Avenue where two suspects were taken into custody. There was evidence located at the home leading to the arrest of the two suspects. There were also two juveniles, ages 14 and 3, located at the residence. The juveniles were placed in the custody of Child Protective Services.

Officers arrested Jason Cincotta (52, Merced) and Kenneth Herd (35, Merced) for the shootings. Kenneth Herd was booked in to the Merced County Jail on charges of

Conspiracy, discharging a firearm in negligent manner and carrying a concealable firearm in a vehicle. Jason Cincotta was booked into Merced County Jail on charges of Conspiracy, discharging a firearm in negligent manner, carrying a concealable firearm in a vehicle, carrying a loaded firearm to commit a felony and being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm.

Merced Police are asking anyone with any information regarding this crime to contact Detective Salyers at (209) 388-7771, 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 Cincotta

Kenneth Herd