

# Merced Police Department

## NEWS RELEASE

October 11, 2018

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

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Incident: Convicted felon arrested with an assault rifle.  
Date and Time: October 11, 2018 @ 5:18 P.M.  
Location: 2200 block of Oakland Ave in Merced, CA  
Victims: None  
Arrested Persons: Jose Ceja (41)  
Case Number: 18-59047

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On Thursday, October 11, 2018, the Merced Police Department's Gang Violence Suppression Unit (GVSU) officers developed information that Jose Ceja had firearms at his home located on Oakland Ave in Merced. Ceja is a convicted felon and cannot possess any firearms. GVSU officers and Probation officers served the a search warrant at Ceja's residence. During the search, Probation K-9 "Sage" alerted on the inside of a parked vehicle in the garage. Officers searched the vehicle and located a loaded AR-15 assault rifle with an attached 30 round magazine inside the car. Ceja admitted that the assault rifle belonged to him. He was arrested and booked at the Merced County Jail for weapons 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, [GVSU@cityofmerced.org](mailto: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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**Jose Ceja**



**"Sage"**

