

# Merced Police Department

## NEWS RELEASE

February 7, 2019

**Sgt. Brian Rodriguez**  
**Gang Violence Suppression Unit**  
**Office: (209) 385-4710**  
**Dispatch: (209) 385-6905**

### For Immediate Release

---

Incident: Convicted felon arrested with a loaded firearm.  
Date and Time: February 7, 2019 @ 4:23 P.M.  
Location: 2000 Block of E Childs Ave in Merced, CA  
Victims: None  
Arrested Persons: Kenneth Faust (34)  
Case Number: 19-7955

---

On February 7, 2019, the Merced Police Department's Gang Violence Suppression Unit (GVSU) stopped a vehicle driven by Kenneth Faust in the 2000 block of E Childs Ave in Merced for a traffic violation. Officers searched Faust's car and located a loaded handgun. Faust is a convicted felon and cannot possess any firearms. Faust was arrested and booked at the Merced County Jail for weapons charges and vehicle code violations.

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](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.

\*\*\*\*\* END \*\*\*\*\*

