



Porterville Police Department Press Release

- Crime(s):** Felon in possession of a firearm
Felon in possession of ammunition
Possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle
Altering or removing serial numbers from a firearm
Transportation of marijuana
Resisting or delaying a police officer
- Location:** 300 block of S. Kessing Street, Porterville
- Date / Time:** November 29, 2011/ 10:15 PM
- Suspect(s):** Angel Thomas Ramirez, 22 years, Lindsay resident

Narrative:

On November 29, 2011, at approximately 10:30 PM, Officer Dominic Barteau conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of S. Kessing Street. The driver, later identified as 22 year old Angel Thomas Ramirez, fled from the vehicle. While being pursued by the officer, Ramirez discarded a loaded Browning 9-millimeter handgun.

With the assistance of a Porterville Police K-9, Ramirez was located hiding inside a residence in the 300 block of S. 'H' Street, where he was placed into custody without incident. Further investigation revealed that Ramirez was in possession of approximately 50 grams of suspected marijuana inside the vehicle he had been driving. Ramirez was also a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition. Officers found the serial number on the firearm Ramirez had in his possession had been removed.

Ramirez was booked at the Tulare County Sheriff's Department on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm, a felon in possession of ammunition, possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle, altering or removing serial numbers from a firearm, transportation of marijuana, and resisting or delaying a peace officer. Ramirez is being held in lieu of \$35,000 bail and this case remains under investigation.