



## Porterville Police Department Press Release

**Incident:** Possession of a loaded and concealed Firearm  
Convicted Felon in possession of a Firearm  
Committing a Felony while out on Bail  
Possession of an Illegal Weapon  
Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance  
Possession of Burglary Tools

**Location:** 600 Block of N. Sunnyside Street, Porterville

**Date / Time:** December 22, 2011 / 8:52 PM

### **Summary:**

On December 22, at about 8:52 PM, Officers of the Porterville Police Department initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 600 block of N. Sunnyside Street. The driver, identified as 34-year-old Martin Ruiz, was found to be in possession of an illegal weapon and he was arrested. A passenger, 33-year-old Arturo Tienda, who is a convicted felon and currently out on bail from a previous arrest, was found to be in possession of a loaded .22 caliber revolver. At his feet in the vehicle was a duffel bag containing numerous burglary tools. A third occupant, 28-year-old Susanna Joven, was determined to be actively under the influence of a controlled substance and she was arrested. The vehicle was found to contain property which was believed to belong to residents in an outlying county area north of Porterville. Further investigation revealed two county located homes had been recently burglarized. The victims were out of town and unavailable to confirm the property as stolen. Tulare County Sheriff Deputies were able to locate shoe tracks at the burglary scenes that matched those of the suspects in this case.

All three were booked into the custody of the Tulare County Sheriff on charges of possession of a loaded and concealed firearm, being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, committing a felony while out on bail, possession of an illegal weapon, possession of burglary tools, and being under the influence of a controlled substance. Due to jurisdictional boundaries, the residential burglaries are being investigated by the Tulare County Sheriff's Department.