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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

December 10, 2014

VPD Report Number: 14-15045

Date/Time Occurred: 12/10/14 1420 hours

Type of Incident:

Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales
Transportation of Methamphetamine
Possession of a Loaded Firearm
Felon in Possession of a Firearm
Felon in Possession of Ammunition
Violation of Probation

Location: Cain and Ferguson

Suspect:

1. Rene Ortiz
- 2.
- 3.

Age:

27

Arrested:

Yes

Details: On 12/10/14 at approximately 1420 hours, a two-man Gang Suppression Unit conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was driven by (S) Rene Ortiz for a traffic violation. As the officers were approaching the vehicle, (S) Ortiz began reaching into the backseat area of the vehicle. It was determined that (S) Ortiz was on AB 109 probation and during a search of the vehicle, officers located a loaded .357 revolver and individual packages of methamphetamine. These items were located in the area where (S) Ortiz was reaching. The total weight of the methamphetamine was approximately ½ of an ounce.

(S) Ortiz was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales, Transportation of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Loaded Firearm, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, and Violation of Probation.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Gang Suppression Unit

Supervisor: R. Epp

