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

June 3, 2019

VPD Report Number: 19-044877

Date/Time Occurred: 6-3-19/ 0031 hrs.

Type of Incident: Armed Robbery, Driving under the Influence

Location: Kaweah/Velie

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Cervantes, Robert

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Yes

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Details: On 6-3-19 at 0031 hrs. officers were dispatched to a report of a drunk driver near Kaweah/Velie. While enroute, a second caller contacted dispatch and advised that he had just been robbed at gunpoint. Descriptions of the suspect and his vehicle matched in both calls. Upon arrival, officers learned that the victim had been outside smoking when the (S) approached him, produced a handgun, and demanded the (V)'s wallet. (V) only had cigarettes with him and (S) took those and fled the scene. Officers located the (S) and his vehicle and were able to detain him without incident. (V) positively identified the (S) and he was arrested. During the course of the investigation, officers were able to locate three firearms belonging to the suspect. (S) was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility on multiple charges. A records check showed that none of the firearms had been reported stolen.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. Mike Short



