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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
June 11, 2021

VPD Report Number: 21-047655

Date/Time Occurred: 06/10/2021 / 1545 Hours

Type of Incident: Felon in Possession of Firearm /
Warrant Arrest

Location: Clover St. & Iris Ave.

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Esparza, Matthew
2. Tillery, Matthew

28
34

Yes
Yes

Details:

On 06/10/21 at approximately 1545 hours, officers with the Special Enforcement Unit conducted a traffic stop for speeding and failure to use a turn signal. The driver, Matthew Tillery (34), was found be unlicensed with a warrant for his arrest. The front passenger, Matthew Esparza (28) was found to be on probation with search terms associated with his probation status. Esparza was also found to have 8 warrants for his arrest. A search of the vehicle was conducted. A loaded and unserialized 9mm handgun was located in the glove compartment. Both Esparza and Tillery were taken into custody and transported to Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Special Enforcement Unit

Supervisor: Agent D. Marvin

