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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
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**HAPPENING OVERNIGHT: K9 Maui's Detection Leads to Arrest of Suspects with Drugs and Gun**

Just after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, the Special Enforcement Unit conducted a traffic stop at Ben Maddox Way and St. John's Parkway.

Officer Branderhorst and his K9 partner, Maui, searched the vehicle and K9 Maui alerted officers to the presence of narcotics inside.

During the search, officers discovered 48-year-old Eduardo Flores and 32-year-old Christopher Barajas in possession of narcotics and a loaded P80 Ghost Gun with a full auto switch.

Both were arrested on narcotics and firearm-related charges and booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility.

