



Porterville Police Department Press Release

Incident: Burglary
Conspiracy
Gang Enhancement

Date/Time: December 5, 2011 / 12:43 P.M.

Location: 400 block of W. Melinda Avenue, Porterville

Suspect(s): Miguel Martinez, 18 years, Delano resident
Ezequiel Capetillo, 18 years, Delano resident

Summary:

On December 5, 2011, at 12:43 P.M., Officers of the Porterville Police Department responded to the 400 block of W. Melinda Avenue, for reports of an interrupted residential burglary. While en-route to the scene, Officers were provided with descriptions of the suspects and located them walking in the area, a short distance from the victim's residence. Both suspects were detained without incident and were identified as Miguel Martinez and Ezequiel Capetillo, both 18 years old and residents of Delano.

Officers contacted the victim who stated when she arrived home she found Capetillo inside her residence and confronted him. Capetillo fled out the backdoor and was accompanied by Martinez. Evidence gathered at the scene linked Martinez and Capetillo to the burglary. While investigating the scene, Officers located some of the victim's property in a field behind the residence. The property was returned to the victim.

Martinez and Capetillo were found to be members of a criminal street gang. Both were booked into the custody of the Tulare County Sheriffs Office on charges of burglary, conspiracy, and a gang enhancement. This case remains under investigation.