



**Porterville Police Department
Press Release**

Incident: Felon in possession of a firearm
Possession of firearm after violent crime conviction
Possession of loaded / concealed firearm in public
Felon in possession of ammunition
Participation in a criminal street gang
Warrant – Probation violation for assault with a deadly weapon.
Warrant – Probation violation for felony vandalism

Date/Time: January 11, 2012/ 8:55 AM

Location: Morton Avenue @ Henry Street, Porterville

Suspect(s): Edgar Manriquez, 23 years, Porterville Resident

Narrative:

On January 11, 2012, at approximately 8:55 AM Porterville Police Officers observed a known criminal street gang member, 23 year old Edgar Manriquez, walking eastbound on Morton Avenue at Henry Street. Manriquez was acting peculiar as officers passed by, which warranted contact by the officers. As soon as officers made contact with Manriquez the handle of a handgun was seen sticking out of his pants pocket.

Manriquez was quickly detained and the firearm was retrieved. Officers inspected the firearm and observed it to be fully loaded. Manriquez was determined to be a convicted felon with a prior violent crime conviction. Manriquez also had two felony warrants for his arrest, both probation violations, for assault with a deadly weapon and felony vandalism.

Manriquez was arrested on his warrant charges and fresh charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm after a violent crime conviction, possession of a loaded and concealed firearm in a public place, being a felon in possession of ammunition, and participating in a criminal street gang. Manriquez was booked at the Tulare County Sheriff's Department's Main Jail and is being held in lieu of \$120,000.00 bail.