



## **Porterville Police Department Press Release**

**Incident:** Negligent Discharge of a Firearm  
Possession of a Concealed Firearm  
Possession of a Loaded Firearm

**Location:** 1800 block of W. Nancy Avenue, Porterville

**Suspect(s):** Jose Nunez, 34 years, Earlimart resident

**Summary:**

On January 1, 2012, at 0002 hours Officers of the Porterville Police Department were nearby when several gunshots were heard being fired from the backyard of a residence in the 1800 block of W. Nancy Avenue. The partygoers were contacted and one of them, 34 year old Jose Nunez of Earlimart, was found to possess a concealed and loaded semi-automatic handgun in his waistband. The barrel of the gun was still hot and several shell casings were found lying throughout the back yard. Nunez ultimately admitted to firing the gun in the backyard of this residence in celebration of the New Year. He was arrested and booked into the custody of the Tulare County Jail on charges of negligent discharge of a firearm, possession of a loaded firearm, and possession of a concealed firearm.