



Porterville Police Department Press Release

Incident: Possession of a loaded and concealed firearm
Possession of a stolen firearm
Conspiracy

Location: 700 block of N. Roosevelt Street, Porterville

Date / Time: December 18, 2011/ 11:51 PM

Suspect(s): Enrique Espinoza, 21 year, Porterville resident
Angel Ramirez, 19 years, Porterville resident

Summary:

On December 18, 2011, at about 11:51 PM, an Officer with the Porterville Police Department observed two suspicious subjects walking in the 700 block of N. Roosevelt Street, carrying what appeared to be open containers of beer. When the Officer attempted contact with them, both ran to the roadway edge, discarded an object, and began attempting to conceal it with leaves and brush. 21-year-old Enrique Espinoza and 19-year-old Angel Ramirez, both of Porterville, were quickly detained without incident. The item the two were trying to conceal was found to be a loaded .357 revolver.

The owner of the firearm was contacted and he advised that the gun had been stolen from his home during a residential burglary in April of 2011. Espinoza and Ramirez were booked into the custody of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office for possession of a loaded and concealed firearm, possession of a stolen firearm, and conspiracy. The firearm will be submitted to the Department of Justice for a ballistics analysis and this case remains under investigation.