



# Tulare Police Department

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## **Busy Four Days in Tulare**

December 20th, 2017

*\*\*The following information is based on a preliminary, ongoing investigation which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records if available, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed\*\**

\*During the early morning hours of the 19<sup>th</sup> officers were in another pursuit with Wayne Belyeu, 52 of Tulare, and is suspected in breaking into two Tulare businesses and possible a third in Visalia. Officers had been made aware of a burglary suspect and suspect vehicle from Visalia Police Department around Midnight on the 19th.

Officers later saw a similar vehicle near the area of Inyo and West and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle sped off and after a pursuit the suspect vehicle became disabled. Belyeu ran from the vehicle and was apprehended after a short chase.

Inside the vehicle was evidence to the Tulare burglaries and Visalia Police are investigating their case. Belyeu was booked at the Tulare County Sheriff Pre-Trial Facility.

\*Two juveniles are in custody after a vehicle pursuit and a foot chase. 12-19-17, officers attempted to pull over a black sedan around 10:30 PM traveling north on Laspina St. near Tulare Ave. The juvenile driver didn't stop and officers pursued the vehicle until it came to a stop in the 2300 of Weyrich Court. A juvenile occupant ran from the vehicle and after a short foot chase the juvenile occupant was caught trying to jump a fence. The

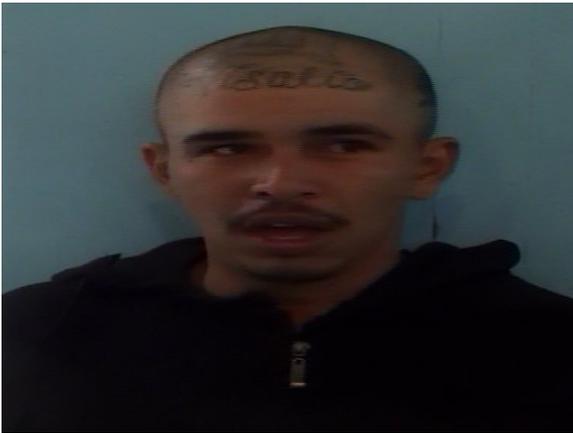
officers were giving orders for the juvenile to lie on the ground and could see a “black object” in the juvenile’s hand.

The juvenile finally dropped the object and there the officer saw it was a semiauto handgun. The juvenile was quickly taken into custody. The firearm was loaded and no one involved sustained any injuries. The handgun was not reported stolen at this time and is being looked into.

Both juveniles are 17 years old, were arrested, and booked at the Juvenile Detention Facility.

\*This is the second subject arrested running from officers that was in possession of a handgun in the last four days. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, Ramiro Alvarez 24 of Tulare, was arrested after leaving the scene of an accident near the intersection of West St. and Cartmill Ave. Alvarez and his vehicle was located by officers at Cartmill Ave and M St. The vehicle had damage and when officers approached him to question him he ran.

Officers caught him after a foot chase and while being taken into custody he was found to have an unloaded semiauto handgun. The gun was not reported stolen and is being looked into further. The accident is being investigated by CHP as the accident occurred in their jurisdiction.



Ramiro Alvarez, 24 of Tulare



Photo of the weapon from 12-19-17

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to call the Tulare Police Department at any of the following numbers:

- During business hours at (559) 684-4290;
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- Anonymously 24-hours a day (559) 685-2300 Ext: 4445
- Online at <https://www.tipsubmit.com/webtipstart.aspx>

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