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Criminal Threats Leads to Arrests, Discovery of Drugs and Stolen Property

Ceres, California - On September 10, 2012 at 2323 hrs, Julian Luna Ornelas, 37 years old out of Modesto, walked up to the front door of a home in the 1000 block of Moonlight Drive threatening to kill the homeowner. This encounter was over a long feud between the two men. The homeowner called the police after seeing a handgun in Julian Luna Ornelas's waistband.

As police arrived to the area, Julian Luna Ornelas hopped into a white Jeep occupied by Luis Rafael Ortiz, a 32 year old transient, and two other men. Ceres Police Officers intercepted the Jeep in the area of Malik and Sundale. Officers discovered two handguns had been thrown from the Jeep prior to stopping for the officers' lights and sirens. One of these guns, a .40 caliber Glock, was stolen from a Stanislaus County Sheriffs Deputy.

Julian Luna Ornelas and Luis Rafael Ortiz were arrested for criminal threats of violence. The other two occupants were questioned and released from the scene.

The Ceres Street Crimes Unit was familiar with the occupants of this vehicle and obtained a warrant to search Julian Ornales's home located in the 700 block of Anthony Avenue for stolen property and weapons.

The warrant was served at 0325 hours and the following was recovered: a stolen motorcycle from Modesto, a stolen ground temper machine from Modesto, two ounces of heroin, an unidentified substance suspected to be drugs, a large amount of cash and an indoor marijuana grow consisting of 80 plants. Raul Luna Ornelas was arrested at the residence for outstanding warrants.



Julian Ornelas was booked for: criminal threats of violence, ex-felon with a firearm, receiving known stolen property and violation of parole.



Luis Rafael Ortiz was booked for: Criminal threats of violence an outstanding warrant for possession of narcotics and delaying/obstructing a peace officer in the course of their performance.



Raul Luna Ornelas was booked for: an outstanding Ceres warrant for providing false identification to a peace officer, a Stanislaus County Sheriffs warrant for Burglary.

This investigation is still active. The Street Crimes Unit is asking anyone with information to this case to contact the Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers at:

Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers.

Phone number: 1-866-60-CRIME

Text Tips: "274637" TIP704 in the wording

Website: www.modestopolice.com/crimestoppers