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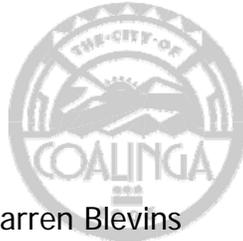
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TWO ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AND COCAINE

On Monday June 10, 2013, at approximately 11:06 a.m. an officer from the Coalinga Police Department observed three subjects standing near Pleasant Valley Pines Apartment on Third Street. He watched a 17 year old male subject hand a 16 year old female a pair of pants and then walk away from her.

Upon seeing the officer, the female dropped the pants and walked away from them. The officer detained the female and located the pants lying on the grass. The officer picked up the pants and found a loaded .380 semi-automatic handgun. The female juvenile was taken into custody at the scene. A search of her purse revealed a scale used for measuring controlled substances. Further search of the pants she dropped contained a baggy with cutting agent used with narcotics and a small amount of cocaine.

The officer locating this property immediately put out the information regarding the other two male subjects to responding officers. Officers located 18 year old Fresno resident Julio Fernandez walking in the area of Fourth and Elm Avenue and took him into custody for B&P25662 – Minor in possession of alcohol.

The male juvenile who was seen passing the pants to the female was observed entering a business in the 200 block of E. Elm Avenue. Officers responded and set a perimeter around the business at which time the male juvenile exited the building and was taken into custody.

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The two juveniles were arrested for being in possession of a concealed/loaded firearm, possession of cocaine and possession of a controlled substance while armed with a loaded firearm. All three subjects were transported to the Coalinga City Jail where they were booked. The juveniles were transported to Fresno County Juvenile Justice Campus (FCJJC) while Fernandez was held at the Coalinga jail for 24 hours and released on a citation.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law