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“Traffic Collision Leads to Foot Chase, Apprehension of Suspect, and the Recovery of Narcotics and Concealed Weapons”

On February 12, 2014, at approximately 4:49 pm, Coalinga Police officers were flagged down and notified of a non-injury traffic collision on Sunset Street at Van Ness Avenue.

Officers arrived to find both involved vehicle's off the roadway edge, with both drivers present. One of the involved drivers was identified as 36 year old Coalinga resident Raymond Holguin. During the traffic investigation, it was determined that Holguin was a documented member of the Norteno criminal street gang and was on active AB109 probation in Fresno County.

Officers attempted to conduct a probation search of Holguin's person when he pulled away from the searching officer and ran. Officers began a foot pursuit, chasing Holguin southbound on Sunset Street. During the foot chase, Holguin dumped a small plastic baggy that was later recovered and found to possess marijuana and hash. After several blocks, Holguin was apprehended and taken into custody by Coalinga Police Officers without further incident.

A search of Holguin's person led to the recovery of brass knuckles, and bindles of methamphetamine. Further investigation also revealed that Holguin was an unlicensed driver. The vehicle Holguin was driving in was stored by police. An inventory of the vehicle led to the recovery of a concealed ice pick.

Holguin was transported to the Coalinga Police Department where he was processed. Holguin was transferred to the Fresno County main jail where he was booked into custody for fleeing the scene of an accident, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of hash, possession of brass knuckles, possession of a concealed weapon inside of a vehicle, resisting arrest and for violating the terms of his probation.

The cause of the traffic collision is still under investigation; however it was found that Holguin's girlfriend, allowed him to operate the involved vehicle knowing he was unlicensed. She was issued a misdemeanor citation in the field for the violation.

A subsequent probation search of Holguin's apartment located in the 600 block of Lucille Avenue, led to the recovery of firearm ammunition. Holguin was also booked on an additional charge of being a convicted felon in possession of ammunition.

"All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law"



