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“Arrests Made and Stolen Property Recovered in String of Burglaries”

Over the past six weeks, the City of Coalinga has experienced a sharp rise in residential and commercial burglaries which to date has resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in lost property and money.

As a result of the increase in property crimes a team of officers was assigned to a burglary team. The mission of the team was to develop intelligence information and exhaust all leads in an attempt to identify those persons responsible for the crimes being committed.

On December 18, 2015, patrol officers acted upon a tip that the suspects responsible for the burglaries had left a residence in the 400 block of College Street in a passenger car. The suspects were located in the 200 block of South Fifth Street and were stopped by patrol personnel. Officers and Detectives contacted 29 year old Joey Clarke and 36 year old Juan Pablo Ramirez, both of Coalinga. During the contact, Clarke and Ramirez were arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. A search of their car led to the recovery of \$8,000.00 in U.S. cash currency that is believed to have been stolen from a local business.

On December 19, 2015, a search warrant was executed in the 700 block of South Coalinga Street where stolen property was recovered related to numerous theft and

burglary cases being investigated by the Coalinga Police Department and Fresno County Sheriff's Office.

On December 20, 2015, an additional arrest of 23 year old Coalinga resident Diego Montes made for his involvement in a residential burglary that occurred in the 700 block of East Polk Avenue two days prior.

On December 20, 2015, Clark, Ramirez and Montes were processed at the Coalinga City Jail. All three will be booked into the Fresno County Main Jail on numerous felony counts of burglary.

Detectives are working to identify the relationship between the three suspects who were arrested during this operation. Additional information will be made available to the public as appropriate.

Anyone with information is being asked to contact Detective Justin Gaskins at the Coalinga Police Department at (559) 935-1525.



Joey Clarke



Juan Ramirez

No picture avail for Diego Montes

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