



**Porterville Police Department
Press Release**

Incident:

**Possession of Loaded Firearm, Possession of Firearm with Altered serial Number
Participation in Criminal Street Gang and Transportation of Marijuana, Conspiracy**

Date / Time: 01-13-09 / 3:31 p.m.

Locations: 1700 Block West Mulberry

Suspects: **Martinez, Max / 18yrs / Porterville Resident
Hispanic Male / 15yrs / Porterville Resident, Hispanic Male / 15yrs / Porterville Resident
Hispanic Male / 17yrs / Porterville Resident, Hispanic Male / 17yrs / Porterville Resident**

Narrative:

Officers were dispatched to the 1700 block of W. Mulberry in regards to a disturbance involving two groups of subjects. One group was last seen in a white 4 door vehicle and one of the occupants was overheard telling another to shoot somebody.

A Police motorcycle unit was in the area and observed the suspect vehicle drive past him. The vehicle was stopped and all five occupants were detained.

A subsequent search revealed a loaded **12 gauge shotgun** in the trunk with the serial number painted over and a small amount of marijuana.

All five suspects were ultimately identified as **southern gang** members.

All were arrested for the listed charges and the juveniles were booked into the Juvenile Hall and the adult booked into the Tulare County Jail.

Investigating Officers
Ofc. Smith #118

Supervisor
Sgt. Nix