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VPD Report Number: 20-042555/ 20-042557

Type of Incident: Possession of Loaded Firearm

Location: Tulare/Sowell & 2400 blk. N. Dinuba

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Garcia, Alberto	20	Yes
2. Orta, Michael	22	Yes

Details: On 5-22-20 at 2202 hrs. Officers with the Special Enforcement Unit conducted a traffic stop at Tulare and Sowell. During the course of their investigation they found that (S)- Alberto Garcia was in possession of a loaded handgun with a high capacity magazine. (S)- Garcia was taken into custody without incident. (20-042555) Four minutes later at 2206 hrs., two separate officers with the Special Enforcement Unit conducted an unrelated traffic stop in the 2400 block of N. Dinuba. During the course of their investigation, they found (S) Michael Orta to be in possession of a loaded handgun. (S) Orta was taken into custody without incident. (20-042557) Both suspects will be facing multiple charges as a result of these traffic stops.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Special Enforcement Unit **Supervisor:** Sgt. Mike Short

