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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 21-020919

Type of Incident: Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Possession of a Loaded Firearm in Public, Felon Possession of Ammo, Providing a False Name,

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Date/Time Occurred: 3-11-21 / 2120 hours

Location: Ben Maddox Way / Main St.

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:Age:Arrested:1. Francisco Lopez29Yes

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Details: On 3-11-21 at approximately 2021 hours officers in the Special Enforcement Unit conducted a traffic stop in the area of Ben Maddox Way and Main St. The driver, Suspect Francisco Lopez, was found to be in possession of a loaded firearm, possession of drug paraphernalia, and had provided officers with a false name. Suspect Lopez was found to be a convicted felon who is prohibited from possessing a firearm and ammo. Suspect Lopez was taken into custody and booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Special Enforcement Unit **Supervisor:** Sgt. A. Alvarez

