



## VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Illegal Firearms, Ammunition Seized During Morning Traffic Stop in Visalia**

Just after 8:00 a.m. this morning, a Visalia Police Department officer conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Tulare Avenue and Court Street for a vehicle displaying no license plate. During the investigation, the officer observed a portion of a firearm inside the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle revealed multiple illegal weapons and ammunition, including an illegally modified AR-style pistol, an unregistered privately manufactured AR-style pistol, a disassembled short-barreled shotgun, two high-capacity AR-15 magazines, and numerous rounds of .223 caliber ammunition.

The driver, 24-year-old Tommy Hawk Gutierrez of Lemoore, was arrested and booked on multiple firearm-related charges. These charges include carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle (25400 PC), carrying a loaded firearm in a public place (25850 PC), altering or removing a firearm's serial number (23900 PC), knowingly possessing a firearm with altered identification (23920 PC), possession of a short-barreled shotgun (33215 PC), manufacturing or possessing a prohibited short-barreled firearm (32625 PC), possession of an illegal assault weapon (30605 PC), and possession of an unregistered privately manufactured firearm, (29180 PC).

