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Suspect: Juvenile Male

On Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at approximately 2223 hours, Kings County Deputies were dispatched to the 12500 block of Idaho Avenue for a report of an active mail theft occurring. The homeowner advised Dispatch they believed a burgundy Chevrolet Silverado had stolen mail from the area and they were now following the Silverado Northbound on 11th Avenue towards the City of Hanford.

A Deputy was able to locate the Silverado near 11th Avenue and 3rd Street, where a traffic stop was initiated. An adult male was driving the Silverado with a 17 year old front seat passenger and a 15 year old back seat passenger.

As the Deputy was speaking with the trio, a rifle was seen laying on the floorboard of the back seat. The group was ordered to step out of the truck and during a search, the 15 year old male juvenile was found to be concealing a 9mm handgun in his waistband. The juvenile was subsequently arrested without incident.

Upon inspection of the handgun, Deputies located a prohibited extended magazine inserted into the gun. This magazine contained 7 rounds of live 9mm ammunition. The handgun did not contain a serial number and was therefore is not traceable.

The 15 year old juvenile was booked into the Kings County Juvenile Center on the charges of minor illegally possessing a concealed firearm, minor illegally possessing live ammunition, possession of an undetectable firearm, carrying a loaded firearm in public and possession of a large capacity magazine.

Based on the results of the investigation, the adult and other juvenile were released at the scene.



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