



# *Chowchilla Police Department*

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## Press Release

October 9, 2008

On October 9, 2008 at approximately 12:00 p.m., officers of the Chowchilla Police Department along with the Madera Gang Enforcement Team, went to the 1300 block of Colusa Avenue in regards to a report of a person with a gun.

Officers and agents attempted repeatedly to get a response from the residents in the house by knocking on the front door, back door and windows. Numerous announcements were made advising the police were there and requesting the occupants to come to the door. After approximately one hour, a female came to the front door.

After a protective search of the residence for the armed suspect, officers were able to locate wanted parolee 29-year-old Jose Velasco hiding in the attic of the residence. Mr. Velasco was taken into custody without incident. He will be charged with parole violation, one count of lewd act(s) with a child and one count of strong armed robbery.

Also taken into custody were 28-year-old Daniel Velasco, and 25-year-old Jessica Velasco for harboring a felon.

The gun in this case was also located and found to be a BB gun.

Police Chief Jay Varney commented that, "This is another case where the combined efforts of the Madera County Gang Enforcement Team and the Chowchilla Police Department paid off." Sergeant Dave Riviere passed on the Department's appreciation to Commander Michael Haroldsen and the agents of the Madera County Gang Enforcement Team for their assistance in this investigation.

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