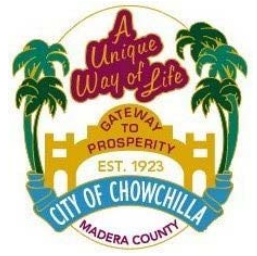




Chowchilla Police Department

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Press Release

May 28, 2008

On May 26, 2008, at approximately 3:14 a.m. Officer Hunter and Officer Ramirez of the Chowchilla Police Department were on patrol in the 900 block of Orange Avenue. The officers noticed two adult males at the corner of S. Tenth Street and Orange Avenue. When the males noticed the officers they ran from them.

Both males were caught a short time later hiding in a garage in the 900 block of Orange Avenue. Arrested were 23-year-old Gustavo Gallegos of Chowchilla and 24-year-old Eduardo Ruiz of Madera. Both of them were charged with resisting arrest, vandalism, and residential burglary.

Ruiz had originally given officers a false name. Once his true name was determined, two felony warrants out of Madera were located for his arrest, charging Ruiz with 2 counts of assault with a deadly weapon-firearm, intimidating a witness, 2 counts of personal use of a firearm in the commission of a crime, 2 counts of a felon in possession of a firearm, and 2 counts of terrorist threats, shooting at an inhabited dwelling, and a violation of probation with the original charge in that case of possessing a firearm.

Ruiz will also have an added charge of providing a false name to a peace officer.

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