



**Fresno County Sheriff's Office**  
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**News Release**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Gang Members Arrested, Weapons Seized In Del Rey**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of several self admitted gang members and associates, and the seizure of two firearms yesterday.

Last month, detectives from the Rural MAGEC Investigations Team started criminal cases against the gang members who were involved in a prior assault case and other crimes in Del Rey and the surrounding area.

As a result of the investigation, on March 31<sup>st</sup>, the MAGEC Rural Team served four search warrants at locations in the 10600 block of E. Fantz Ave, the 10600 block of E. Jefferson Ave, the 5500 block of S. Wildwood Ave, and the 11600 block of E. Lincoln Ave.

The firearms seized were a 9mm semi-automatic handgun, and a .22 rifle with scope and an extra suppressed barrel.

21 year old Michael Escalera, 18 year old Jonathan Munroy, and a 17 year old male juvenile were arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, felony vandalism, disturbing the peace, and gang enhancement charges.

28 year old Juan Mercado was arrested for resisting arrest and a parole violation. 24 year old Saul Munroy was arrested for resisting arrest, and 47 year old Della Mendez was arrested on outstanding warrants.

All of the arrestees were from the Del Rey area.