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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Shooting Incident At Cambodian
New Years Celebration Results In Arrest**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of a self admitted gang member, and parolee, on charges of shooting into an inhabited dwelling. Arrested was 22 year old Sambatt Sao of Fresno.

The incident occurred yesterday evening shortly before 6:30 pm. Deputies were dispatched to a residence located in the 3200 block of E. North Ave. regarding an assault with a deadly weapon call. A Cambodian New Years celebration was taking place at the residence with over 100 people in attendance.

Witnesses at the celebration reported that two subjects had arrived at the party and immediately got into a fight with others. During the fight, one of the subjects produced a handgun and started firing it wildly. As everyone hid for cover, the two subjects fled in a white colored Acura. No one was injured as a result of the shooting.

Deputies and officers from the MAGEC Rural Investigations Team arrived and assisted in the investigation. Sao was positively identified as the subject who had fired the handgun.

Sao was later arrested at his apartment located in the 4800 block of E. Fillmore in Fresno. In addition to the above charge, Sao was booked into the Fresno County Jail on gang charges and parole violations.