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## **Detectives Arrest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Leader for Arson and Illegal Weapons**

Detectives with the Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (MAGEC) have arrested 39 year old Thomas Qualls of Sanger. He is in the Fresno County Jail facing charges of arson, along with possession of firearms and ammunition by a felon. His bail is \$337,000.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, MAGEC detectives assisted investigators with the Fresno Fire Department by serving a search warrant for a wanted person at 181 Academy Ave. in Sanger. This location serves as the clubhouse for the Screamin Demons Motorcycle Club. Thomas Qualls, the chapter president of this club, was the wanted person who had an active arrest warrant. Fire investigators determined Qualls was responsible for recently burglarizing and setting a structure on fire in Fresno.

Detectives contacted Qualls and took him into custody. A search warrant authored for the clubhouse further revealed firearms, ammunition and gang material. A total of five guns were seized, two which were reported stolen, and another that was created with a 3D printer. There were more than 2,300 rounds of ammunition, numerous large capacity magazines, materials related to Nazis and white supremacy and methamphetamine paraphernalia.

This remains an ongoing investigation. Anyone with additional information about Qualls or his associates is asked to please contact the Sheriff's Office at (559) 600-3111 or Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867, [www.valleycrimestoppers.org](http://www.valleycrimestoppers.org) You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward. Reference case # 24-4989.