



**Porterville Police Department  
Press Release**

**Incident:** 12020 PC – Possession of a Deadly Weapon  
245 PC – Assault With a Deadly Weapon  
23153 VC – DUI causing Injury  
3056 PC – Parole Violation  
186.22 – Gang Enhancement

**Date/Time:** June 11, 2010, 3:39 A.M.

**Location:** 600 Block of North Maurer Street

**Suspect(s):** Catalino Carranza, 23 years, Porterville resident  
Vivian Contreras, 19 years, Porterville resident

**Narrative:**

On June 11, 2010 at 3:39 A.M., Officers of the Porterville Police Department responded to the 600 Block of North Maurer Street, for reports of a physical altercation. Upon arrival, Officers observed one of the suspects, Vivian Contreras, threatening a small group of individuals with a large knife. Contreras discarded the knife and attempted to flee, but quickly surrendered and was taken into custody without further incident. During the investigation, the confidential victims reported the other suspect, Catalino Carranza, rammed their vehicle with his own vehicle, causing pain to one of the victim's neck. Carranza, who was found to be a northerner gang member and on active CDC Parole, was reportedly yelling gang slanders during the occurrence. Officers located Carranza on scene and determined he was driving under the influence of alcohol at the time he rammed the victim's vehicle. Carranza was taken into custody without incident.

Carranza was booked into the custody of the Tulare County Sheriffs Office on charges of Assault With a Deadly Weapon, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol causing Injury, a Parole Violation and a Gang Enhancement.

Contreras was booked into the custody of the Tulare County Sheriffs Office on charges of Assault With a Deadly Weapon and Possession of a Deadly Weapon.