



**Porterville Police Department
Press Release**

Incident: **Possession of Firearms by a Convicted Felon, Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Negligent Discharge of a Firearm, Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance and in Possession of a Loaded Firearm**

Case No. 10-926

Date/Time: **February 6, 2010, 2:30 a.m.**

Location: **Motel 6, 935 West Morton Avenue, Porterville**

Involved Parties: **Timothy James O'Brien, age 26, Santa Barbara Resident
Blue Herrick Major, age 22, Santa Barbara Resident (Female)**

Summary:

On February 6, 2010 at approximately 0230 hours, officers from the Porterville Police Department responded to Motel 6 located at 935 West Morton Avenue, regarding shots fired inside one of the motel rooms. When officers arrived on scene, physical evidence and witness statements led the officers to a room at the Motel.

Officers were able to get two subjects to exit the motel room. Timothy O'Brien and Blue Major were detained and a search warrant was obtained for the room. A search of the room revealed five loaded firearms and approximately 500 rounds of ammunition. Investigators determined one of the firearms was stolen and one of the weapons was an illegal AK-47 assault rifle. Physical evidence located at the scene indicated a shot was fired from inside the suspect's room. Officers discovered the shot was an accidental discharge of one of the firearms. There were no reports of injuries.

Mr. O'Brien was on active CDC parole and his parole status was revoked by a parole agent. Mr. O'Brien was booked into the Tulare County Main Jail for felony weapons violations, felon in possession of a firearm, reckless discharge of a firearm and being under the influence of a controlled substance while in possession of a firearm. Mr. O'Brien is being held without bail.

Ms. Major was booked for illegal weapons violations and being under the influence of a controlled substance while in possession of a firearm. She was booked at the Tulare County Sheriff's Department Bob Wiley Detention Facility. Ms. Major is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

Investigating Officer(s)
Officer Rose Olmos

Supervisor
Sergeant Mark Azevedo