

Corcoran Police Department



Press Release

Case or Accident Number: C2300388 Date & Time Occurred: 03-08-23 @ 3:56 PM

Type of incident: Felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm without serial numbers, possession of narcotics Location: 1500 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran

Victim: State of California Age: _____ City: _____

Suspect: Christopher Martinez Age: 33 Arrested: Yes City: Corcoran

Suspect: Gabriel Pelayo Age: 28 Arrested: Yes City: Corcoran

On Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 3:56 PM, Corcoran officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of Whitley Avenue for a suspicious person sitting in a vehicle. The caller reported seeing the subject holding a firearm. Upon arrival, officers located Christopher Martinez and Gabriel Pelayo inside a van. Officers located a loaded 9 mm handgun in the door where Martinez was sitting and a loaded firearm in the back seat area where Pelayo was located. The firearm in the back seat did not have a serial number. Officers later learned Martinez is a previously convicted felon and prohibited from possession firearms. They also discovered Martinez was in possession of cocaine. Martinez was transported and booked into the Corcoran Police Department Jail for the charges of Felon in possession of a firearm, Felon in possession of ammunition, Possession of a concealed firearm in a vehicle and Possession of Cocaine. He was later transported and booked into the Kings County Jail where his bail was set at \$75,000.00. Charges are being sought on Pelayo for being in possession of a ghost gun, and possession of a concealed firearm in a vehicle.

Investigating Officer(s): Officer Franco

Property Stolen or Recovered: Smith and Wesson .9 mm handgun, .9 mm ghost gun, 3.2 grams of Cocaine

Injuries: None

Deputy Chief Cramer
Supervisor: _____