

Stanislaus County  
**SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT**

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**MEDIA RELATIONS**



**NEWS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DATE** August 4, 2009  
**TIME** 5:00 P.M.

**Two Arrested In Armed Robbery**

Modesto – Early this morning Stanislaus County Sheriff's Deputies responded to an armed robbery at the Oak Motel. A male victim reported that a female associate lured him into a room where two men armed with a handgun robbed him of his property and stole his vehicle. During the investigation, the stolen vehicle was recovered and a suspect lead was obtained. At approximately 11:00 am Deputies spotted the suspect vehicle in front of a home at Atlantic and Pearson. The victim was able to identify Santiago Mancilla as the male gunmen and Monica Leal as the female who lured him in the room. Inside Mancilla's vehicle was ammunition and property taken from the victim during the robbery. Deputies recovered the .45 caliber handgun used in the robbery from inside the home. The gun was reported stolen during a prior burglary. Deputies interviewed both suspects and received full statements, including the identity of the third suspect, Edwin Lopez, a parolee. Lopez is being sought for questioning.

Anyone having information related to this case is encouraged to contact Detective Darwin Hatfield at (209)525-7100

For information regarding this press release please contact the Sheriff's PIO at (209) 652-6597.

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