

Stanislaus County **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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MEDIA RELATIONS



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PAROLE VIOLATOR SENT BACK TO JAIL

Modesto, CA – Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department patrol deputies arrested 34-year-old Modesto resident Alphonso Emil Banks late Thursday evening for violating the conditions of his parole and possessing drug paraphernalia. Deputies were initially dispatched to the intersection of Bystrum Road and Erickson Avenue at approximately 10:25 p.m. to reports of a family fight and/or disturbance. Callers reported seeing a man and a woman engaged in a physical confrontation in which somebody was possibly being hit with a rock. Another person was reportedly seen throwing around a five-gallon gas can during the argument as well. An ambulance was also dispatched in the event anybody was in need of any emergency medical assistance.

Deputies arrived within a matter of minutes, and they came into contact with the involved parties. Banks was one of those individuals, and a standardized records check revealed that he was on active parole with the California Department of Corrections for a previous auto theft conviction. Sheriff's deputies later discovered Banks was in physical possession of a "pipe" commonly used on the street to smoke illegal narcotics.

By taking the initiative of conducting their own parole search, and coordinating with the on-call parole agent at the time, deputies were able to take control of the scene and safely make the arrest. During the course of their preliminary investigation, it was determined nobody involved had actually been injured, and no other crimes were deemed to have been committed.

Banks is being held without bail at the Stanislaus County Men's Jail, where he will await arraignment on the misdemeanor drug paraphernalia charge, and California Department of Corrections agents will process his parole revocation. Banks' most recent booking photograph has been provided for the reader's convenience.

Sheriff Adam Christianson praised his deputies by saying, "Once again our deputies took care of business and put yet another lawbreaker behind bars where they belong."

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