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PRESS RELEASE

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2 arrests and second marijuana grow located

Patterson, CA – Early this morning Stanislaus County Sheriff's investigators and S.W.A.T. Team served three separate search warrants as a result of the March 14th shooting in Patterson. The warrants were served in the Grayson and Patterson areas. During the original investigation a large illegal marijuana grow, with over 700 plants, was located at the victims residence. Today, investigators located a legal indoor marijuana grow at one of the residences located on S 9th St in Patterson. 21 year old Ernesto Lomeli and 22 year old Vanessa Deleon, both of Patterson, were arrested as a result of today's investigation. Lomeli is a documented member of the Norteno criminal street gang. Lomeli was arrested for attempted homicide, active participation in a criminal street gang, committing a crime for the benefit of a criminal street gang and conspiracy to commit a felony while participating in a criminal street gang. Deleon was arrested for unlawful possession and possession for sales of methamphetamine. Evidence supporting gang activity was located at all three residences. Detectives are continuing their investigation and are searching for additional suspects.

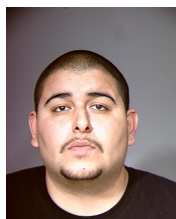
Anyone with information in regards to this shooting is encouraged to call Stanislaus County Sheriff's Detective Frank Soria at (209)525-7080.

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