



# City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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Jed McLaughlin, Chief of Police

## Press Release

**DATE OF EVENT:** 05/07/2019-05/09/2019  
**TYPE OF EVENT:** Burglary/Stolen Firearms  
**LOCATION:** City of Ridgecrest  
**CHARGES:** PC 460(A), PC 487(D)(2), PC 4573.5

On 05/07/2019, Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of W. Perdew Ave. regarding a report of a residential burglary. Officer Stangle, the case agent, learned two firearms were stolen during the burglary. Officer Stangle was able to recover video footage from the surrounding neighborhood and with the help of RPD Detectives, identify the suspect on 05/08/2019. The suspect was identified as Darin Akam, and was located at his residence.

Akam was taken into custody and interviewed regarding his involvement in the burglary. Due to the diligent follow-up of the RPD Detectives working with other involved parties, the firearms were located on 05/09/2019, and there are no longer any outstanding firearms from this case.

While Akam was being booked into the RPD Holding Facility prior to transport he brought drug paraphernalia into the jail. Akam was booked at the Central Receiving Facility in Bakersfield, CA for the above charges.

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