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RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE OF EVENT: July 10, 2017

TYPE OF EVENT: PC 29800(a)(1) – Possession of Firearm by Felon
PC 30305(a) – Possession of Ammunition by Felon
PC 30605(a) – Possession of Illegal Assault Weapon
PC 32310 – Possession of High Capacity Magazine

LOCATION: 400 Block S. Gordon St. Ridgecrest, CA 93555

ARRESTED PERSON: Andrew Allen Bowers (50 Years of Age)

On 07/10/17, at about 1150 pm, Officer Tucker of the Ridgecrest Police Department was on patrol and contacted two subjects acting suspicious in a parked vehicle in the 400 block of S. Gordon St. During the contact, one of the subjects, Andrew Bowers, attempted to conceal an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle under a blanket in the rear seat of the vehicle. Bowers and the other occupant were detained and the firearm was examined. The firearm was found to be illegal in the State of California. The firearm was loaded and had a 20 round magazine. Bowers is a convicted felon and unable to possess firearms or ammunition. He was transported to the Central Receiving Facility in Bakersfield, CA.

Ronald N. Strand, Chief of Police
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