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MICHAEL D. AVERY, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: Tuesday, January 02, 2007

TYPE OF INCIDENT: **Attempted Armed Robbery**

LOCATION OCCURRED: Minit Shop 843 E. Ridgecrest Blvd.

SUSPECT ARRESTED: **CRAIG ANTHONY CLARK (51 years old)**

On January 1, 2007 at approximately 15:43 hrs., Ridgecrest Police Officers responded to the Minit Shop after receiving a 911 call from a concerned citizen seeing a man enter the store wearing a mask. Upon arrival, RPD Officer's Kristen Lawson, Aaron Taylor and Anthony Agostinacci found the suspect lying on the floor behind the counter with the store clerks holding him down. Officers quickly took the suspect into custody and contained the scene. The suspect's weapon was located inside the store which turned out to be a plastic replica of a semi-automatic handgun.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect later identified as **CRAIG ANTHONY CLARK** came into the store wearing a mask, gloves and displaying a handgun as he jumped the counter and ordered the clerk to give him the money. The suspect grabbed the clerk by his collar and a physical altercation followed. The clerk ended up gaining control of the suspect and taking him to the ground with the help of a second clerk who was also working at the time the attempted robbery occurred.

The suspect was taken to Ridgecrest Regional Hospital for an alleged asthma condition but was quickly released with an OK to BOOK.

The suspect was transported to the Kern County Sheriff's Department Central Receiving Facility pending charges of :

664 / 212.5(a) PC	ATTEMPTED ROBBERY
460(b) PC	BURGLARY
12556(a) PC	OPEN DISPLAY OF IMITATION FIREARM
12553(a)(1) PC	ALTER IMITATION FIREARM
417.4 PC	DRAWING IMITATION FIREARM IN THREATENING MANNER
242 PC	BATTERY

BAIL: \$500.000

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