

# Manteca Police Department

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## News Release

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### **Arrests Made in Brandishing of Off-Duty Officer**

Manteca, CA-- On October 24, 2016 at approximately 0117 hours, an off-duty Manteca police officer was driving home after his shift had ended. He was in plain clothes, driving his personal vehicle in the area of Lathrop Road near Crestwood Avenue. A white, convertible Ford Mustang stopped ahead of him and the front passenger pointed a handgun out the passenger side window towards the direction of the officer. Both vehicles proceeded in the same direction to the intersection of Lathrop Road at North Main Street. At this intersection, the front passenger pointed the handgun at the officer again. The Ford Mustang then turned southbound on North Main Street. The officer called Manteca Police Dispatch to report the incident and followed the suspect vehicle from a distance. On duty Manteca Police officers arrived and conducted a vehicle stop on the Ford Mustang. The three male occupants were directed out of the vehicle and detained. During a search of the vehicle, officers located a realistic looking pellet handgun with a laser attached. Eduardo Aguilar, 19 years old from Manteca, was arrested for brandishing the pellet gun, contributing to the delinquency of minors, and criminal conspiracy. The other two occupants were juveniles, one was 16 years old and the other was 17 years old. Both juveniles were arrested for criminal conspiracy and released to their parents. This incident appears to be random and the officer was not specifically targeted.

Manteca Police later received a report on the same date from an adult male who said he had been shot at with a pellet gun by subjects in a vehicle matching the white Ford Mustang with a black convertible top. This incident occurred in the area of N. Main St. and W. Louise Av. just minutes prior to the incident with the off-duty Manteca police officer. The male subject was actually struck on the hand by one of the pellets, but was not injured due to wearing gloves. This incident is currently being investigated.

