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BUDGET INN SEARCHED ROOM-TO-ROOM AFTER REPORT OF POSSIBLE HOSTAGE SITUATION

Modesto, CA – Deputies were dispatched early Wednesday morning to the Budget Inn to investigate the report of several suspects, who appeared to be armed with handguns, kicking in doors of hotels rooms. The anonymous caller phoned in at 6:36 AM and stated she could hear the suspects outside her hotel room, which is located in the 500 #Blk South 9th Street, kicking in the doors of neighboring rooms.

Deputies arrived on scene almost immediately and were able to detain a single subject in the area the suspects were reported to be. Deputies were not able to locate the original reporting party and based on the information that was available decided to search the rooms of the hotel to ensure there was no hostage type situation.

Based on the possibility of armed, barricaded suspects, the Stanislaus County Sheriff's SWAT team was activated. Members of the SWAT team assisted deputies in searching the hotel rooms. South 9th Street was blocked off between Pecos St and Hosmer Rd while the search was conducted.

After a room-to-room search, investigators were unable to locate the original reporting party or any signs of firearms. Two parolees were arrested as a result of the search and are identified as Robert Burton, 24, and Jeanisa Elizabeth Johnson, 28, both of Modesto. Both are in custody for parole violation warrants. Investigators are still trying to determine the subjects are related to the original incident.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Detective Soria at (209) 525-7080. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636. Tipsters can also e-mail tips at http://www.modestopolice.com/CrimeStoppers, or text them to CRIMES (274637) by typing "Tip704" plus the message. Tipsters are eligible for a cash reward.

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