

TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT Ninus C. Amirfar, Chief of Police



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Shooting/Robbery

On Sunday, December 15, 2019, at approximately 1:50 a.m., the Turlock Police Department received multiple calls reporting that a female had been shot behind businesses in the 400 block of E. Main Street. Officers quickly responded and located a suspect vehicle leaving the area. A vehicle stop was initiated. The driver, Steven Sawyer, a 29 year old male from Patterson, was arrested. This is an active investigation and Detectives are following up on further leads on additional possible suspect(s).

Throughout the course of the investigation, it was discovered that a female and male victim were robbed at gunpoint behind the bar. During the robbery, a female victim was shot. She was transported to a local hospital, her injury is non-life threatening. At this time, this is still an active investigation and no additional details will be released.

Steven Sawyer was booked into the Stanislaus County jail for robbery, possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle, and possession of a stolen firearm.

Anyone with any information of additional involved parties or any witnesses is urged to call Detective Paul Inderbitzen at (209) 668-6551 or Turlock Police Dispatch at (209) 668-1200.

To remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636, you may be eligible for a cash reward. You can also contact the Turlock Police Department's Tip Line at (209) 668-5550 ext. 6780 or email at <u>tpdtipline@turlock.ca.us</u>, if you wish to

remain anonymous.

The Turlock Police Department is an active participant in the Crime Stoppers Program. Callers can leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 and may be eligible for a cash reward.

To receive more detailed, up-to-date information directly from the Turlock Police Department via e-mail, register for "Nixle" alerts at www.Nixle.com or more directly at https://local.nixle.com/register/. Or, text your zip code to 888-777 to receive text alerts for emergency alerts only.

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