



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: June 16, 2011

Location: 380 W. Barbour St., Banning

Incident: Felon in Possession of a Firearm

On June 15, 2011, about 9:15 p.m., officers from the Banning Police Department were dispatched to an apartment complex located at 380 W. Barbour Street. The reporting party stated there were several black male adults outside of her apartment threatening to harm her family and one was in possession of a firearm.

Upon arrival, the reporting party was contacted and was able to provide the officers with the location in the complex where the males were last seen. Officers responded to that location and attempted to make contact, however, as the officers were walking toward the group, a male matching the description given by the reporting party as the one possessing a firearm, fled northbound.

A short foot pursuit ensued. The male was apprehended and the firearm was seized. The male was identified as Melvin Banks (27), of Banning. Banks is currently on parole for violating Penal Code 245, Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Banks was arrested, processed and then booked into the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility for violating Penal Code 12021(a) (1), Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Inquires: Banning Police Department, Watch Commander (951) 922-3170