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Reckless RV Incident Leads to Felony Weapons Arrest

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Oakdale, CA – Oakdale Police officers safely arrested an armed man who triggered road closures downtown this morning.

Just after 10:00 a.m. this morning, officers responded to multiple reports of a reckless RV driver running red lights and approaching the downtown area. The RV was located illegally parked in the area of the busy intersection of F Street and Yosemite Avenue. As officers approached, they found a

child approximately, 12 years of age, who appeared disoriented, next to the RV. Witnesses provided a description of a man they said was carrying a gun in the area walking away from the RV.

Officers found the armed suspect, Gordon Newnam, 55 years of age, a short distance away, and took him into custody. Additional information was relayed to officers on scene that there was another man armed with a gun inside the RV. Oakdale Police and Stanislaus County Sheriff's units surrounded the RV and attempted to confirm the information regarding the armed subject inside the RV, before eventually going inside and determining the vehicle was empty. An additional firearm, was recovered from inside the RV. Newnam faces several felony weapons charges. There were no injuries as a result of the incident. The child was determined to be Newnam's son and remains in protective custody at this time.

Newnam is being booked into the Stanislaus County Jail for multiple felony weapons violations.