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Investigators Seize 37 Firearms Related to Ongoing Investigation



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Oakdale, CA – Investigators with the Oakdale Police Department recovered 37 firearms during a search warrant in the 1600 block of Mark Court related to the arrest of an Oakdale man last week.

Yesterday afternoon (02/26/20) at approximately 1:24 pm, the Oakdale Police Department served a search warrant in the 1600 block of Mark Court related to an ongoing investigation involving Russell Middleton, 46 years old.

Russell Middleton was arrested by OPD last Friday (02/21/20) for several felony charges, including evading police with no regard for public safety and possessing narcotics for sale, after fleeing from OPD units on a motorcycle and being captured hiding near an outbuilding in the area of Orange Blossom and Highway 108/120, east of the city.

As a result of the search warrant served on Mark Court yesterday afternoon, a team of officers with the Oakdale Police Department recovered 37 firearms. So far, four of the firearms have been confirmed stolen. Several of the firearms were found to have been illegally modified. Russell Middleton, a multiple convicted felon, was charged and re-booked on several felony weapons charges.

Two other persons, Melanie Howard, 48 years, and Dale Middleton, 72 years, present during the search warrant, were also arrested and booked into the Stanislaus County Public Safety Center on related conspiracy and weapons charges. The investigation remains on going.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is encouraged to contact Detective Chelsie Stilwell of the Oakdale Police Department at (209) 847-2231.



Russell Middleton



Melanie Howard



Dale Middleton

