



**Porterville Police Department  
Press Release**

**Incident:** Possession of a Controlled Substance and Being Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance, Case #08-7564

**Date/Time:** September 23, 2008, 9:19 P.M.

**Location:** Putnam Avenue and York Street, Porterville

**Suspect:** **Joseph Mendiolla**, age 27, Porterville resident

**Summary:**

On September 23, 2008 at approximately 9:19 p.m., Officer Sutherland contacted **Joseph Mendiolla** during a traffic stop at Putnam Avenue and York Street.

Mendiolla was found to be in possession of a useable amount of a suspected **methamphetamine** substance, as well as being under the influence of a controlled substance, and was arrested.

Mr. Mendiolla was booked into the Tulare County Sheriff's Department Porterville Substation on charges of being in possession of a controlled substance and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

**Investigating Officer**  
Officer A. Sutherland

**Supervisor**  
Sgt. Azevedo