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On April 6 at 1:25 a.m., officers responded to Smeed Parkway and Linden Street in reference to a road rage incident. The victim informed officers that the suspect pointed a handgun at him after "tailgating" him for some time.

After a preliminary search of the immediate area, officers located the suspect's vehicle in a parking lot on Enterprise Way. Officers were able to locate the suspect nearby at a residence and subsequently contacted him without incident or force. The suspect, identified as 21-year-old Jostyn Parker was taken into custody and cooperated with officers as they continued their investigation. During a search of Parker's vehicle and the apartment where he was located, officers recovered a handgun that was allegedly used in the crime. Parker was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

"Road rage incidents are becoming more prevalent and are often times resulting in violence. The right to bear arms is a Constitutional right that is sacred to the success of our democracy but when people chose to take the law into their own hands or become violent, that is where we have to draw the line and hold them accountable," said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

If you are the victim of a road rage incident, never confront an aggressive driver. If you believe the road rage poses a danger to you or other drivers, or you feel your life is in danger, call 911.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.