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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

March 13, 2013

VPD Report Number: 13-03038

Date/Time Occurred: 3/13/13 1300 hours

Type of Incident: Possession of Heroin for Sales
Conspiracy

Location: Road 168 and SR 137
2103 N. Mathew Ct., Farmersville
315 W. Tulare "A", Visalia
153 S. Sacramento, Tulare

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

1. Sonia Leon
2. Eric Cortez
- 3.

Age:

- 43 years
34 years

Arrested:

- Yes
Yes

Details: On 3/13/13 approximately 1300 hours, officers from the Visalia Police Department's Narcotic Unit, Gang Suppression Unit, Property Crimes Unit, And TARGET Taskforce conducted traffic stop and three search warrants and the above locations as part of a lengthy investigation in regards to the sales of heroin by the listed suspects. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle driven by (S) Leon, as the three search warrants were served on the listed locations which were associated with both suspects. Approximately one ounce of heroin, nearly \$3000 in currency, drug paraphernalia, and other items associated with narcotic sales were seized.

(S) Sonia Leon and (S) Eric Cortez were transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for Conspiracy, and Possession of Heroin for Sales.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Narcotics Unit

Supervisor: R. Epp

