



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**April 16, 2013**

**VPD Report Number:** 13-03605 / 13-03985

**Date/Time Occurred:** 3/26/13 & 4/4/13

**Type of Incident:** Commercial Burglary / Attempt  
Commercial Burglary

**Location:** 8000 block W. Goshen

**Name of Business (if applicable):**

Easley's Gun Shop

**Suspect:**

1. Frankie Jesse Avina
- 2.
- 3.

**Age:**

34

**Arrested:**

Yes

**Details:** On March 26, 2013, an unknown male suspect entered Easley's Gun Shop and removed two handguns from a display case during business hours. On April 4, 2013, the same male suspect returned to Easley's Gun Shop after business hours and attempted to break a window to the business to gain entry. The glass break sounded the alarm causing the suspect to flee.

April 16, 2013, detectives from the Visalia Police Department Property Crimes Unit conducted surveillance in and around the City of Visalia. At 3:00 p.m. detectives located the suspect in the 300 block of N. Jacob, Visalia. The suspect was found to be driving on a suspended license and in possession of a Tec 9 assault pistol with a high capacity magazine. A search of the suspect's residence uncovered evidence of the crime and additional high capacity magazines.

Suspect Frankie Avina was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Jail Facility under charges of burglary, attempted burglary, possession of an assault weapon, possession of high capacity magazines, child endangerment, and driving on a suspended license.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Det. O'Rafferty / Det. Swarthout

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Watkins



