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

September 13, 2013

VPD Report Number: 13-11359

Date/Time Occurred: 9/13/13 0900 hours

Type of Incident: Child Endangerment

Location: 2500 Block of N. Linda Vista

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Johnson, Vanessa
2. Johnson, Edward
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Yes
Yes

Details: On 9/13/13 at approximately 0900 hours, the City of Visalia Code Enforcement and the Police Department Narcotics Unit responded to a residence in the 2500 Block of N. Linda Vista for an abatement/inspection warrant regarding a marijuana grow. While at the residence, detectives located a load handgun on the dresser in Edward Johnson's bedroom. The handgun was in plain view and the bedroom was unsecured. An additional loaded handgun was located under Edward Johnson's pillow and a loaded shotgun was located under his mattress.

A third loaded handgun was located in a dresser in Vanessa Johnson's bedroom. Vanessa Johnson's two children, ages 2 years and 4 years, live in the residence and had access to the handguns. The drawer where the handgun was located contained clothing for the children. Both Vanessa Johnson and Edward Johnson were taken into custody and booked into the Tulare County Jail for Child Endangerment. Tulare County Child Welfare Services responded to the residence and took custody of the children.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Narcotics Unit and Code Enforcement

Supervisor: R. Epp



