



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***

**October 17, 2013**

**VPD Report Number:** 13-12840

**Date/Time Occurred:** 10/17/13 1345 hours

**Type of Incident:**

Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales  
Maintaining a Residence for Sales of Narcotics  
Selling Narcotics Within 1000 Feet of a School

**Location:** 600 Block of North Garden

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

**Suspect:**

1. Rosie Varela
- 2.
- 3.

**Age:**

56

**Arrested:**

Yes

**Details:** On 10/4/13, detectives from the Visalia Police Department Narcotics Unit and TARGET served a search warrant at a residence in the 600 block of North Garden as part of an on-going investigation into the sales of methamphetamine in the area of the Lincoln Oval Park. During the service of the search warrant, detectives located methamphetamine near (S) Varela. A search of (S) Varela revealed additional methamphetamine. Detectives also located packaging material, a digital scale, currency, and other items indicative of narcotic sales.

(S) Varela was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales, Maintaining a Residence for Sales of Narcotics, and Selling Narcotics with 1000 Feet of a School.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotics Unit

**Supervisor:** R. Epp

