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TARGET arrests Gang Member for Narcotics Sales and Firearms Possession

For the past several months, the Tulare County Agencies Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET) has been investigating allegations that Arthur Ramos was dealing narcotics. During the course of the investigation, agents were able to obtain a search warrant for Ramos, and locations related to Ramos.

On October 31, 2013, TARGET agents, with the assistance from the Visalia Police Department's Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) and Narcotics Unit, initiated surveillance at a residence on the 800 block of S. Cindy Ave in Visalia. A short time later, Ramos was seen leaving his residence in a silver Honda Accord. Ramos was followed to a gas station by agents and contacted by uniformed members of the GSU. Once Ramos was detained, agents and officers served a search warrant at two residences on the 800 block of S. Cindy Ave.

The following items were seized at the first search location:

Located in the garage was a safe containing scales and approximately 750 grams of methamphetamine, an unlocked lock box with a .25 caliber handgun and 100 rounds of .45 ammunition and a blue bag with a .45 caliber Glock handgun. The Glock was reported stolen from Reedley, CA.

The following items were located at the second search location:

Agents seized \$4,121.00 in US currency, a key to the safe containing methamphetamine, a garage door opener and a key to the other residence being searched.

RAMOS was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Jail on the following charges: 11378 H&S (possession of a controlled substance for sale), 29900(a)(1) PC (felon in possession of a firearm), 30305(a)(1) PC (felon in possession of ammunition), 496 PC (possession of stolen property), and 3056 PC, (violation of parole).

