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

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VPD Report Number: 13-14028

Date/Time Occurred: 11-11-13 2144 hours

Type of Incident: Police pursuit arrests

Location: Burke/Oakridge

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Jose Luis Lopez aka Baez
2. Juan Nunez
3. Joshua Pena

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Details: On 11-11-13 at 2144 hours, the Visalia Police Department received information of a possible stolen vehicle in the area of Houston and Burke via the LoJack Stolen Vehicle Recovery System. Officers located the occupied stolen vehicle at the Valeros Gas Station at Houston and Ben Maddox and attempted to stop the vehicle when it fled and a pursuit was initiated.

The vehicle traveled west on Houston and then north on Burke. The vehicle continued on Burke past Oakridge where it broke through a locked gate and onto a service road for the St Johns River area. The vehicle continued up the service road where it failed to negotiate a turn and rolled into a dry creek bed. The driver ran from the scene and was caught nearby. Two other occupants were arrested from within the vehicle. All three sustained minor injuries as a result of the collision. One of the suspects was taken to Kaweah Delta Medical Center where he was treated and released. The vehicle was reported stolen from Delano, CA on today's date.

All three suspects were booked into the Tulare County Jail on charges of possession of a stolen vehicle, felony evading a police officer, felony hit and run, and gang enhancements.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: District 1 Patrol Division

Supervisor: Sgt. Damon Maurice



