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

February 12, 2014

VPD Report Number: 14-01744

Date/Time Occurred: 2/12/14 0700 hours

Type of Incident:

- Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales
- Maintaining a Residence for Sales of Narcotics
- Selling Narcotics Within 1000 Feet of a Homeless Shelter
- Child Endangerment

Location: 700 Block of N. Bridge

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

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| 1. Garrett Benjamin Bass | 30 | Yes |
| 2. Cynthia Perez | 32 | Yes |
| 3. | | |

Details: On 2/14/14, officers from the Visalia Police Department Narcotics Unit and the Gang Suppression Unit served a search warrant at a residence in the 700 block of North Bridge as part of an on-going investigation into the sales of narcotics in the area of the Lincoln Oval Park. During the service of the search warrant, detectives located approximately 2.5 ounces of methamphetamine next to (S) Bass. Detectives also located packaging material, a digital scale, currency, and other items indicative of narcotic sales.

There were two children located in the residence that belonged to (S) Perez. Due to the fact that the narcotics were readily accessible to the children and (S) Perez's knowledge of the narcotics, she was taken into custody for Child Endangerment. Child Welfare Services was contacted and took custody of the children.

(S) Bass 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 Homeless Shelter. The Visalia Rescue Mission was directly across the street from the search warrant location. (S) Perez was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for Child Endangerment.



Arresting / Investigating Officer: Narcotics Unit

Supervisor: R. Epp

