



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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**VPD Report Number:** 14-03406

**Date/Time Occurred:** 3/18/14 1530 hours

**Type of Incident:**

Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales  
Transportation of Methamphetamine

**Location:** 3300 Block fo W. Hillsdale

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

**Suspect:**

1. Kristina Marie Stephens
- 2.
- 3.

**Age:**

24

**Arrested:**

Yes

**Details:** On 3/18/14, detectives from the Visalia Police Department Narcotics Unit were conducting surveillance at a location within the city limits regarding narcotic sales. During the surveillance, detectives observed (S) Stephens in the area engaged in possible narcotic related activity. The detectives followed (S) Stephens from the area and officers from the Gang Suppression Unit conducted a traffic stop on her. (S) Stephens was determined to be driving with a suspended license, a narcotic registrant and on felony probation for narcotic related offenses. During a search of (S) Stephens, officers located approximately one ounce of methamphetamine that was packaged for sales. Officers also located packaging material in the vehicle, a large amount of currency and other items indicative of narcotic sales.

(S) Stephens was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for possession of methamphetamine for sales and transportation of methamphetamine.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotics Unit

**Supervisor:** R. Epp

