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

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VPD Report Number: 14-04955 *****UPDATE*****

Date/Time Occurred: 04/24/14 1000 hours

Type of Incident: Home Invasion Robbery

Location: 1500 blk of E. Douglas

Name of Business (if applicable):

Confidential Victim

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

- 1. Jones, Rakime Lindel
- 2. Cantu, Michael
- 3. Sparks, Christopher

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Yes
Yes
Yes

Details: On 04/24/14 at approx. 1000 hours, a home invasion occurred at the 1500 block of E. Douglas here in Visalia. During the course of the investigation, it was learned that 24-year old suspect Rakime Jones was involved. He was located and arrested later that evening by Visalia Police Department patrol. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Visalia Police Department.

*****UPDATE*****

The ongoing investigation into the home invasion robbery led to the identification of a second suspect, Michael Cantu. On 4/25/14 at 4:00 p.m. a search warrant was conducted at Cantu's residence at 238 NW 2nd Ave, Visalia. The Visalia Police Department SWAT Team was utilized for the contact and arrest of suspect Michael Cantu. Cantu was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Jail on charges of home invasion robbery, terrorist threats, and conspiracy.

*****UPDATE*****

The ongoing investigation into the home invasion robbery led to the identification of the third suspect, Christopher Sparks. On 4/26/14 at 8:09 am, a Visalia PD Officer observed Christopher Sparks in the area of Locust and Myrtle. Sparks was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Main Jail on charges of home invasion robbery, terrorist threats, and conspiracy. All suspects in relation to this case have been identified and arrested.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Property Crimes / SWAT / Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. Watkins

