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

July 22, 2014

VPD Report Number: 14-08612, 14-08665, 14-08686, 14-08751, 14-08812

Date/Time Occurred: 7/14/14 – 7/20/14, various times

Type of Incident: Arson / Burglary / Felony Vandalism

Location: 300 block S. Burke, 9000 W. Airport Dr, Riggins/Demaree, 3500 block W. Noble, 3600 block W. Hillsdale

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Anthony Valencia

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Yes

2. Lisa Valencia

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Yes

3.

Details: An investigation into numerous fuel thefts from vehicles throughout Visalia concluded today with an arrest of two suspects. Suspects Anthony Valencia and Lisa Valencia were arrested on July 22nd at 1330 hours at their residence in the 4400 block of W. Dorothea. Detectives learned that the two suspects had been stealing gas in Visalia and locations throughout Tulare and Kings Counties.

One of the fuel thefts on July 16th, sparked a fire in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn, 9000 W. Airport Drive. As Suspect Anthony Valencia was drilling into the bottom of a victim's fuel tank, the fuel ignited resulting in five vehicles catching fire. The total damage caused by the fire is to be determined.

Anthony Valencia and Lisa Valencia were booked into the Tulare County Jail on charges of arson, burglary, vandalism, conspiracy, possession of methamphetamine.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Property Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Watkins

