



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**December 12, 2014**

**VPD Report Number:** 14-15106

**Date/Time Occurred:** 12/12/14 0705 hours

**Type of Incident:**

**Location:** 1900 Block of E. Parrish Ct.

- Possession of Heroin for Sales
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Felon in Possession of a Firearm
- Felon in Possession of Ammunition
- Possession of an Illegal Firearm
- Maintaining a Residence Where Narcotics are Sold

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

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|------------------------|----|-----|
| 1. Bennie Provencio    | 62 | Yes |
| 2. Robert Reyes Valdez | 59 | Yes |
| 3.                     |    |     |

**Details:** On 12/12/14 at approximately 0705 hours, Narcotics Detectives with the assistance of the Gang Suppression Unit served a search warrant at a residence in the 1900 block of E. Parrish Ct. The search warrant was part of an investigation into the sales of heroin by (S) Bennie Provencio. During the search of the residence, detectives located approximately 5 grams of heroin, a small amount of methamphetamine, digital scales, and packaging materials in the bedroom belonging to (S) Provencio. Detectives also located two handguns and ammunition in this room. (S) Provencio is a convicted felon and is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition.

Detectives also located three firearms and ammunition in a bedroom belonging to (S) Robert Reyes Valdez. One of the firearms was a sawed-off shotgun which is illegal to possess. (S) Valdez is also a convicted felon and is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition.

(S) Provencio was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for Possession of Heroin for Sales, Possession of Methamphetamine, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, and Maintaining a Residence Where Narcotics are Sold. (S) Valdez was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for Possession of an Illegal Firearm, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotics Unit

**Supervisor:** R. Epp



