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

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VPD Report Number: 14-14509

Date/Time Occurred: 12/12/16 1223 hours

Type of Incident: Possessing and distributing child pornography, possession of an illegal weapon, possessing materials for a destructive device arrest

Location: 400 block of NW 2nd Ave and 1900 block W. Perez

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Justin Holcomb

25 years

yes

Details: In late November 2014, the Visalia Police Department began an investigation involving child pornography. Detectives learned S/Holcomb had possessed several sexually explicit images of minors. On today's date at approx. 1100 hours, S/Holcomb was located in Dinuba, CA and taken into custody without incident. Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit then served two search warrants this afternoon in the City of Visalia. A residence in the 1900 block of W. Perez and an apartment in the 400 block of NW 2nd were searched. During the search on NW 2nd, detectives located a possible explosive device and evacuated the surrounding area.

The Tulare County Consolidated Explosive Ordinance Destruction Unit was called to the scene. TCCEOD members entered the apartment and removed components used to make explosive devices. Detectives later removed computers and hard drives and other electronic items associated with S/Holcomb. Detectives also located an illegal throwing star or "shuriken" from the apartment on NW 2nd.

S/Holcomb was booked into the Tulare County Main Jail for the above charges. This investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Visalia Police Department at 734-8117.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Violent Crimes Unit and Tulare County Consolidated Explosive Ordinance Destruction Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Damon Maurice

