



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**March 13, 2015**

**VPD Report Number:** 15-03383

**Date/Time Occurred:** 3/13/15 0710 hours

**Type of Incident:**

**Location:** 1600 Block of S. West

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Christopher Dean McGowen
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Yes

**Details:** On 3/13/15 at 0710 hours, the Narcotic Unit and Gang Suppression Unit served a search warrant at a residence in the 1600 block of S. West as part of a narcotic investigation involving (S) McGowen. The Visalia Unified School District had received information that (S) MCGowen, who is a janitor at the Visalia Charter Independent Study campus, may be involved in the sales of marijuana to students. The Visalia Police Department was provided this information and an investigation was conducted by the Narcotic Unit.

During the service of the search warrant, officers located an active honey oil extract lab in the garage. In (S) McGowen's bedroom, officers located LSD, MDMA, marijuana and psilocybin that was determined to be for sales purposes. It is unknown if (S) McGowen sold any narcotics to school students. Officers also located counterfeit currency, digital scales and packaging material.

(S) McGowen was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for: Possession of Marijuana for Sales; Possession of LSD for Sales; Possession of MDMA for Sales; Possession of Psilocybin for Sales; Manufacturing of Concentrated Cannabis; and Possession of Counterfeit Currency.



**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotics Unit

**Supervisor:** R. Epp

