



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**March 24, 2015**

**VPD Report Number:** 15-02687, 15-03945

**Type of Incident:** Child Molestation

**Date/Time Occurred:** 3/24/15 @ 1459 Hrs

**Location:** "Grace Note Music Studio" 800 Blk of W. Oak  
Visalia, Ca and "Rocky Hill Community Church" Exeter,  
Ca

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

**Suspect:**

1. Ziessler, Gabriel

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**Age:**

29

**Arrested:**

Yes

**Details:** On 2/26/15, the Visalia Police Department began an investigation into the Suspect regarding inappropriate touching of a Juvenile victim. The Suspect was a private music teacher at a business in the 800 Blk of W. Oak St. in Visalia. The Victim in this case was a music student of the Suspect's. The inappropriate touching took place at the business during a private lesson.

On 3/24/15 @ 1459 Hours, the Visalia Police Department was notified that the Suspect was also involved in sexual activity with a separate Victim whom he had met through his position as the "Music Director" at the Rocky Hill Community Church in the City of Exeter. It was determined that the Suspect had unlawful sexual relations with this victim in the City of Visalia as well as in the City of Exeter.

On 3/24/15 @ 1600 Hours, Detectives from the VPD Violent Crimes Unit arrested the Suspect. He was subsequently interviewed and then booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility.

The Visalia Police Department is asking for anyone who has additional information regarding the Suspect to please contact the VPD Violent Crimes Unit at (559) 713-4234.



**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Visalia PD Patrol/Violent Crimes  
Unit

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Kroeze S159

