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

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VPD Report Number: 15-08123

Date/Time Occurred: 6/13/15 1537 hrs

Type of Incident:

- Possession of Stolen Property
- Possession of Marijuana for Sales
- Cultivation of Marijuana
- Maintaining a Residence Where Narcotics are Sold

Location: 2900 Block of W. Tyler

300 Block of N. Park

7700 Block of W. Goshen

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Jose Contreras

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Yes

2.

3.

Details: On 6/13/15 at approximately 1537 hours, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 2900 block of W. Tyler, regarding the location of stolen property that was taken during a recent burglary. Officers made contact with (S) Contreras, who provided officers with one of the items that was reported stolen. While speaking with (S) Contreras, officers noticed a strong odor of marijuana coming from the residence. The Property Crimes Unit obtained a search warrant for the residence for additional stolen property and marijuana. The Narcotics Unit and the Gang Suppression Unit assisted with the service of the search warrant.

During the search of the residence, officers located over 100 pounds of processed marijuana and a processing room in the garage area. Officers also located packaging material and additional stolen property from the burglary. During the search, detectives located paperwork tying this residence to an additional residence in the 300 block of N. Park as well as a storage unit in the 7700 block of W. Goshen. A narcotics search warrant was obtained and served at both locations.



At the residence in the 300 block of N. Park, officers discovered that the entire residence was converted to a marijuana grow and contained 176 marijuana plants in various stages of growth. The storage unit contained an off-road recreational vehicle that was seized for asset forfeiture proceedings. In addition, four vehicles located at the W. Tyler residence were seized for asset forfeiture proceedings.

(S) Contreras was transported and booked into Tulare County Jail for: Possession of Stolen Property; Possession of Marijuana for Sales; Cultivation of Marijuana; Maintaining a Residence Where Narcotics are Sold.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol, Property Crimes, Narcotics, **Supervisor:** R. Epp
Gang Suppression

