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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
July 6, 2015

VPD Report Number: 15-09286

Date/Time Occurred: 7/4/15 0207 hours

Type of Incident: Carjacking arrest

Location: 100 block N. Court

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Jose Casarez
- 2.
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Yes

Details: On July 4, 2015, the Visalia Police Department responded to the 100 block of N. Court for a report of a carjacking. The investigation showed (2) victims were inside their 1990 Lexus when an unknown male suspect armed with a handgun approached on foot, ordered the victims out, and fled in their vehicle. The victims were not injured.

On 7-5-15, Officers from the department's Gang Suppression Unit conducted a routine traffic stop near Linwood and Noble and contacted known gang member S/Jose Casarez. During a search of S/Casarez' vehicle, evidence was located inside the vehicle linking him to the carjacking the night before. S/Casarez was taken into custody.

Officers also searched S/Casarez' residence in Orosi and found additional evidence of the carjacking. The 1990 Lexus was located at a different location in Orosi. S/Casarez was booked at the Tulare County Pre Trial Facility for carjacking.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Patrol / GSU

Supervisor: Sgt. D. Maurice

