



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**July 31, 2015**

**VPD Report Number:** 15-09883  
15-10650

**Date/Time Occurred:** 7/15/15 0740 hours  
7/30/15 1215 hours

**Type of Incident:**  
Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales  
Felon in Possession of a Firearm  
Felon in Possession of Ammunition  
Possession of Stolen Property

**Location:** 1800 Block of S. Heritage  
800 Block of W. Myrtle  
1600 Block of N. Mooney

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Jesse Edward Martinez
- 2.
- 3.

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Yes

**Details:** On 07/15/15 at approximately 0740 hours, officers from the Narcotics Unit and the Gang Suppression Unit served a search warrant at a residence in the 1800 block of S. Heritage as part of an investigation regarding the sales of narcotics by (S) Martinez. (S) Martinez was not at the residence at the time of the search warrant; however a loaded handgun that had been reported stolen was located in a bedroom belonging to (S) Martinez. (S) Martinez, who is on probation and is a convicted felon, is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition.

On 7/30/15, Narcotics detectives were able to locate (S) Martinez driving in the City of Visalia and maintained surveillance on him until Gang Suppression Unit officers were able to arrive. (S) Martinez was taken into custody at a residence in the 800 block of W. Myrtle. Officers then responded to a residence in the 1600 block of N. Mooney, where (S) Martinez had been staying since the service of the search warrant on Heritage. Officers located approximately 3.5 ounces of methamphetamine in a vehicle belonging to (S) Martinez.



(S) Martinez was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for: Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales; Felon in Possession of a Firearm; Felon in Possession of Ammunition; and Possession of Stolen Property.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotics Unit

**Supervisor:** R. Epp

