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NEWS RELEASE

August 12, 2015

VPD Report Number: 15-03134

Date/Time Occurred: 3-8-15, 1645 Hours

Type of Incident: Kidnaping / Rape

Location: Noble / Goddard

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Campos, Joel

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Yes

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Details: On 3-8-15 at approx 1645 hrs, the Visalia Police Department received a call of a kidnapping and rape of a teenage female. Patrol officers responded and requested a detective from the Violent Crimes Unit to assist with the investigation.

The investigation revealed that the victim was walking in the area of Noble and Goddard. The suspect stopped his vehicle and began speaking to the victim. The suspect threatened to kill her and her family if she did not get into his vehicle. Out of fear, the victim entered the suspect's vehicle and was driven to a different location within the City of Visalia where the suspect allegedly raped and sexually assaulted her.

During the investigation, a SART exam was conducted on the victim for DNA and evidence. The SART findings were forwarded to the California Department of Justice Lab in Fresno for analysis.

In July of 2015, Violent Crimes Detectives were notified that Suspect Campos' DNA was located in the SART evidence. Suspect Campos was found to be on parole for 209.5 PC (Kidnapping during the commission of Carjacking) and was currently living in Los Angeles, Ca.

On Monday, August 3, 2015, The Visalia Police Department requested the assistance of California State Parole in the Los Angeles area. Parole Agents located Suspect Campos in Los Angeles, Ca and arrested him for the Visalia Police



Department case. Suspect Campos was then extradited to Tulare County where he was arraigned on Friday, August 7, 2015 for Kidnapping and Rape among other charges.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol / Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Kroeze S159

