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NEWS RELEASE

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VPD Report Number: 14-15188, 15-04828, 15-13202

Date/Time Occurred: Various

Type of Incident: (8) Homicide Arrests

Location: Various

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. See Below

Details: Over the past several months, the Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Unit has been investigating the following homicides. On 12/14/14, Victim Phineas Alexander was murdered on a front porch in the 200 Block of NW 2nd. On 4/11/15, Victim Jose Cisneros was murdered in his home in the 700 Block of N. Floral. On 9/1/15, Victim Rigoberto Santamaria was murdered in the 1400 Block of N. Highland.

The investigations concluded during Operation Red Sol. On 10/1/15, the suspects related to the Jose Cisneros homicide and the Rigoberto Santamaria homicide were arrested and booked into the Tulare County Jail. On 10/6/15, the suspect related to the Phineas Alexander homicide was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Jail. All suspects are from Visalia and are active gang members.

The following is a list which shows the suspects related to each homicide:

Phineas Alexander Homicide - Suspect Jason Ortega (21 yoa)

Jose Cisneros Homicide - Tommy Gonzalez (23 yoa), Javier Godinez Jr (20 yoa) and a 16 year old juvenile

Rigoberto Santamaria Homicide - Val Ornelas (34 yoa), Fernando Mora (27 yoa), Victor Chavez (20 yoa) and Fabian Barajas (21 yoa)



Arresting / Investigating Officer: Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Kroeze S159

