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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
October 27, 2015

VPD Report Number: 13-04829

Date/Time Occurred: October 27th. 2015 at 8:00 AM

Type of Incident: Child Molestation Arrest

Location: 1100 block of South Whitney

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. David Souza

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Yes

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Details:

On October 27th, 2015 at approximately 8:00 AM, Detectives from the Visalia Police Department as well as members of the Central Valley Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force including the Department of Homeland Security Investigations and Fresno County Sheriff's Department served a search warrant/arrest warrant at the residence of the David Souza.

This search warrant was a result of an investigation that began in the spring/summer of 2013. During the course of that investigation, David Souza was found to have molested two girls under the age of 14. A search warrant was conducted on his residence in June of 2013 which revealed that David Souza was using a social networking application to contact underage girls to obtain nude images of them. David Souza was found to have set up a fake profile of an adolescent boy which he used when interacting with these girls. At that time, David Souza was arrested and charged with Molestation of two (2) victims and Possession of Child Pornography.

In February of 2015, Detectives were able to locate additional forensic evidence that was not previously available. It was found that David Souza had attempted to contact numerous other girls across the world via the same social networking application. Detectives were able to identify three of these victims that David Souza had contacted in the United States and one victim in Canada.



As a result of the investigation into the new information, an arrest warrant was issued for an additional 9 counts of Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Minor. Each count also carried with it enhancements of multiple victim allegations. The new evidence led to today's search warrant and arrest. He was taken into custody without incident. David Souza was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for the above listed counts.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD VC and ICAC Taskforce

Supervisor: Sgt. Kroeze

