



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**February 18, 2016**

**VPD Report Number:** 16-02539

**Date/Time Occurred:** 1/18/16 at 0906 hours

**Type of Incident:** Child endangerment, possession of stolen property, possession of narcotics for sale, possession of a loaded firearm, and gang enhancement

**Location:** 1900 block of N. Bridge (Visalia)

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Navarrette, Richard

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Yes

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**Details:** On 2/18/16 at approx. 0906 hours members of the Visalia Police Department Special Enforcement Unit responded to a residence in the 1900blk of N. Bridge in an attempt to locate a subject wanted on an outstanding warrant. Upon arrival officers made contact with the wanted subject identified at Richard Navarrette. During a subsequent search of the residence officers located a loaded handgun and approx. 2.5 ounces of methamphetamine. The firearm was discovered to have been stolen out of Monterey County. Both the gun and narcotics were maintained in locations accessible to 4 small children who reside in the home. The living conditions were also found to be unsatisfactory.

Tulare County Child Protective Services responded and took custody of 4 children ages. (4, 5, 6, &11) The suspect was arrested for child endangerment, possession of stolen property, possession of narcotics for sale, possession of a loaded firearm, an outstand warrants, and a criminal street gang enhancement. The suspect was booked at the Tulare County Pre-trail Facility.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Special Enforcement Unit

**Supervisor:** Sgt. C. Brown



