



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***

**January 28, 2016**

**VPD Report Number:** Multiple

**Date/Time Occurred:** January 22, 2016

**Type of Incident:** Human trafficking detail

**Location:** Citywide

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

- 1. Multiple - see below
- 2.
- 3.

Yes

**Details:** On January 22, 2016 members of the Visalia Police Departments Special Enforcement Unit, Fresno FBI, and the DOJ TARGET task force conducted a detail within the City of Visalia aimed at combating human trafficking. Officers conducted both “in-call” and “out-call” operations in hotels and other areas know to be frequented by prostitutes, sex-traffickers, and their customers.

The Visalia Police Department is committed to locating victims of human trafficking and seeking prosecution of the traffickers. Human trafficking is a devastating crime that destroys lives and degrades our city. Through our partnerships with local, state, and federal authorities, we will continue to conduct future details in an effort to eradicate human trafficking and prostitution from our city. Also present during the detail was a victim specialist from the FBI. Victim services are committed to providing resources to victims or person interested in leaving the prostitution life style.

During the operation the following people were arrested:

Wei , Meilan	43 YOA	Republic of China
Vasquez , Vanessa	37 YOA	San Francisco, Ca
Henderson, Katrina	36 YOA	Fresno, Ca
Ford, Deloise	22 YOA	Selma, Ca / Fresno, Ca



Steele, Dominique	24 YOA	Visalia, Ca
McGrue, Scnail	21 YOA	Fresno, Ca
Martens, Madison	18 YOA	Fresno, Ca
Farris, Brittany	28 YOA	Corcoran, Ca
Male Juvenile	17 YOA	Fresno, Ca

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** VPD Special Enforcement Unit,  
Fresno FBI, DOJ Target Task Force

**Supervisor:** Sgt. C. Brown

