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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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VPD Report Number: 16-01820

Date/Time Occurred: 2/5/16 at 2056 hours

Type of Incident: Firearm and Narcoitic Sales Arrest

Location: Douglas / Enos

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Grijalva, Fredrick

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Yes

2. Velasquez, Alfredo

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Yes

3.

Details: On 2/4/16 at approx. 2056 hours members of the Visalia Police Departments Special Enforcement Unit were in the area of Douglas and Enos in the City of Visalia. While patrolling the area they attempted to contact 2 subjects as they exited a vehicle. Both suspect fled on foot into a nearby wrecking yard. A loaded handgun was quickly found discarded where the suspects ran. California Highway Patrol Helicopter 40 was in the City of Visalia and responded to assist. The first suspect (Grijalva) was quickly located by H40 and taken into custody without incident. After an extensive search of the wrecking yard a police K-9 was able to locate the second suspect (Velasquez) hiding in a vehicle. S/Velasquez refused to exit the vehicle and the K-9 was deployed. Velasquez suffered superficial injuries and was treated and released at KDMC prior to being booked.

Officers located methamphetamine and ½ lb. of marijuana during a search of the suspect’s vehicle. Both suspects are members of a drop-out criminal street gang in the City of Visalia. Both suspects were booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for numerous charges related to firearms and the sale and possession of narcotics.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Special Enforcement Unit / K-9 Unit **Supervisor:** Sgt. Curtis Brown

