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

February 18, 2016

VPD Report Number: 16-02556

Date/Time Occurred: 1/18/16 at 1207 hours

Type of Incident: Possession of a loaded firearm by a felon, and criminal street gang enhancement

Location: 100 Blk of NW 5th (Visalia)

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

1. Garcia, Richard

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Age:

33

Arrested:

Yes

Details: On 2/18/16 at approx. 1207 hours members of the Visalia Police Department Special Enforcement Unit responded to an address in the 100 blk of NW 5th Ave in an attempt to locate a wanted parolee. Upon arrival a known wanted norteno gang member, Richard Garcia, kicked out a window and fled. He was taken into custody after a short foot pursuit. A loaded handgun magazine was located on his person. A subsequent search of the area he ran from revealed a loaded handgun. Garcia is a convicted felon and prohibited from owning or possessing firearms. S/ was booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-trial Facility for numerous firearms charges, and a criminal street gang enhancement.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Special Enforcement Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. C. Brown

