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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
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VPD Report Number: 16-02285

Date/Time Occurred: 2/13/16 at 2202 Hours

Type of Incident: Possession of a loaded firearm,
possession of narcotics for sales, and gang enhancement

Location: Murray and Willis

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Contreras, Joseph
2. Male Juvenile
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Yes
Yes

Details: On 2/13/16 at 2202 hours officers with the Visalia Police Department Special Enforcement Unit attempted to contact a group of subjects at Willis and Murray in the City of Visalia. Upon contact 2 subjects from the group fled on foot. A male juvenile was seen throwing a loaded handgun over a wall as he fled on foot. He was taken into custody after a short foot pursuit. A second suspect (Contreras) was seen throwing a second loaded handgun behind a business and was quickly taken into custody by the pursuing officer. Contreras also had cocaine on his person which was packaged for sales. Both suspects are norteno gang members out of Oroshi, Ca. Suspects booked into the respective correctional facilities for numerous gun, drug, and gang related charges.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Special Enforcement Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. C. Brown

