



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jason Salazar, Chief of Police

Sergeant Damon Maurice, Public Information Officer
(559) 713-4216 (office) / (559) 713-4807 (fax)
damon.maurice@visalia.city

*****NEWS RELEASE*****
March 1, 2016

VPD Report Number: 16-03142

Date/Time Occurred: 3/1/16 at 1210

Type of Incident:

Possession of narcotics for sales, possession of loaded firearm, possession of narcotics for sales within 1000 feet of a school.

Location: Vine / Hermosa & 2000 blk of N. Bridge

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Lugo, Mario

30

Yes

2. Martinez, Gerardo

18

Yes

3.

Details: On 3/1/16 at 1210 hours Officers with the Visalia Police Department Special Enforcement Unit conducted a traffic stop near Vine and Hermosa in the City of Visalia. During a search of the suspects' vehicle located an amount of narcotics packaged for sales, and other evidence indicated narcotics sales. During a subsequent search of the suspect's probation address officer's located additional narcotics packaged for sales, and a loaded sawed of shotgun. Both suspects were arrested for narcotics sales, possession of a loaded firearm, and narcotics sales within 1000 feet of a school. Both suspects are norteno gang members out of the City of Visalia. Suspects were booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-trial Facility.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Special Enforcement Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. C. Brown

