



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**March 29, 2016**

**VPD Report Number:** N/A

**Date/Time Occurred:** 3/29/2016 0700 hrs

**Type of Incident:** TARGET Task force arrest

**Location:** 600 block N. Blackstone Tulare, CA

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Theio Meraz

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Yes

2. Lucero Santana

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Yes

**Details:** On the listed date and time, the Tulare County Agencies Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET), assisted by Tulare PD, served a search warrant in the City of Tulare. Agents detained (2) occupants inside the residence, Theio Meraz and Lucero Santana. Also in the residence was an 11 year old male juvenile. This juvenile was later released to another uninvolved family member.

Agents located (3) shotguns, an AK 47 assault rifle, a .22 caliber handgun, and hundreds of rounds of ammunition. In addition, several grams of methamphetamine and marijuana was located and seized. Agents also located several items associated with a butane honey oil lab. Both adult suspects were arrested and booked into the Tulare County Jail several felony firearm and narcotics charges.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** TARGET, Tulare PD

**Supervisor:** Sgt. D. Maurice

