



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***

**April 29, 2016**

**VPD Report Number:** 16-06034

**Date/Time Occurred:** 4/28/16 1500 Hours

**Type of Incident:**

Possession of Methamphetamine for sale  
Transportation of Methamphetamine for sale

**Location:** 4500 Block of Ave. 228, Tulare, 2600 Block of Ave. 199, Tulare, and 1100 Block of S. Winery in Fresno.

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

**Suspect:**

1. Yosue Mercado
2. Hugo Ortega
- 3.

**Age:**

- 35  
36

**Arrested:**

Yes

**Details:** After conducting a two month investigation, members of the Visalia Police Department Narcotics Unit and Special Enforcement Unit served search warrants at the listed locations. At those locations officers recovered one pound of Methamphetamine and seized \$6000 in cash. When the suspects were located, they were found to be transporting 6 ounces of Methamphetamine. Both suspects were booked at the Tulare County Jail on the above listed charges. Suspect Mercado was also booked outstanding narcotics warrants.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotic Unit

**Supervisor:** Sgt. S. Scofield

