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

June 6, 2016

VPD Report Number: 16-07876

Date/Time Occurred: 6/6/16 @ 0048 Hours

Type of Incident: Attempted Murder

Location: 3300 Block of S. Fairway

Name of Business (if applicable):

The 5th Quarter

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Bermudez, Samuel
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Yes

Details: On the listed date and time, Visalia Police Department patrol officers responded to The 5th Quarter located in the 3300 block of S. Fairway for a call of shots fired. Upon arrival, patrol officers located a vehicle near Caldwell/Fairway with four adult male occupants inside suffering from gunshot wounds. All four have been taken to area hospitals. One victim is in critical condition while the other three suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Detective from the Violent Crimes Unit responded and took of the investigation. Detectives learned a disturbance had taken place inside the restaurant prior to the shooting. Restaurant security removed several patrons from the business. The four victims were leaving the business in a vehicle when an unknown suspect approached on foot and fired several gunshots at the vehicle. No arrests have been made.

The Visalia Police Department believes there are several witnesses to this incident. We ask anyone with information to this incident to call Detective J. Cummings at (559) 713-4722 or CrimeStoppers at (559) 498-STOP.

***** UPDATE 6/6/16 *****

The investigation revealed that Suspect Samuel Bermudez (of Tulare) was the Suspect who shot the four victims during the original incident. The Violent Crimes Unit developed information that Suspect Samuel Bermudez was hiding in the City of Tulare. At 1755 Hours, Violent Crimes Detectives spotted Suspect Samuel near the intersection of Tulare Ave



and Lane St in the City of Tulare where he was taken into custody with the assistance of the Tulare Police Department. Suspect Bermudez was interviewed and later booked into the Tulare County Jail for Attempted Homicide. The incident appears to be gang related.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Patrol / Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Kroeze

