



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**June 26, 2016**

**VPD Report Number:** 16-08818

**Date/Time Occurred:** 3/26/16@1550 hours

**Type of Incident:** ARMED ROBBERY (GUN)  
ASSAULT W/DEADLY WEAPON

**Location:** 1320 N. DEMAREE (WAL-MART)

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

- 1. JOSE ARMANDO CEJA
- 2. JUVENILE MALE
- 3. JUVENILE MALE
- 4. JUVENILE MALE

- 18
- 17
- 17
- 16

- YES
- YES
- YES
- YES

**Details:** ON LISTED DATE AND TIME OFFICERS RESPONDED TO AN ARMED ROBBERY THAT HAD JUST OCCURRED IN THE PARKING LOT OF WAL-MART AT DEMAREE AND HOUSTON. THE VICTIM WAS THERE TO PURCHASE AN ELECTRONIC ITEM THAT WAS LISTED FOR SALE ON AN INTERNET WEB SITE. WHEN THE VICTIM ARRIVED TO MAKE THE PURCHASE HIS WALLET, CELL PHONE AND CASH WERE TAKEN AT GUN POINT, BY S/CEJA AND A 17 YEAR OLD JUVENILE. AFTER TAKING THE ITEMS S/CEJA THEN STRUCK THE VICTIM IN THE FACE AND HEAD WITH THE BUTT OF THE FIREARM, CAUSING INJURY. THE SUSPECTS FLED THE AREA IN 1999 FORD CROWN VICTORIA AND STRUCK A PARKED VEHICLE AS THEY LEFT. A SUSPECT VEHICLE DESCRIPTION WAS PUT OUT AND PATROL OFFICERS LOCATED THE SUSPECT VEHICLE IN THE 1800 BLK. OF N. GIDDINGS. THREE SUSPECTS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND ONE SUSPECT WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AFTER A SHORT FOOT CHASE. AN AREA SEARCH REVEALED THE HANDGUN AND ALL THE VICTIMS PROPERTY. ALL SUSPECTS WERE BOOKED FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND CONSPIRACY. S/CEJA WAS ALSO BOOKED FOR ADW, AND ONE OF THE 17 YEAR OLD JUVENILES WAS ALSO BOOKED FOR RESISTING ARREST.



**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** PATROL/VIOLENT CRIMES

**Supervisor:** SGT. B. MILLER

