



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
December 21, 2016

VPD Report Number: 16-45434

Date/Time Occurred: 11/17/16 - 2123 Hours

Type of Incident: Homicide

Location: Ben Maddox / Houston

Name of Business (if applicable):

NA

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Details: Patrol Officers were dispatched to the area of Ben Maddox and Houston for a report of shots heard in the area. While responding to the call Dispatch received notification from KDMC of 2 GSW Victims at the Hospital. Victim #1 is an adult male with a non-life threatening wound to his leg. He was treated and released. Victim #2 is an adult female who suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the head. The female was approximately 35 weeks pregnant and the baby was delivered by emergency C-section. The baby is in stable condition. Three other victims including an 11 month old were un-harmed. Detectives learned all five victims were in a vehicle traveling on Ben Maddox and were shot at by occupants of another vehicle also traveling on Ben Maddox. After the shooting the driver drove to KDMC. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Detective Brian Somavia at 559.713.4727 or the Anonymous Crime Line at 559.713.4738

*****UPDATE – 11/18/2016*****

The Victims in this case have been identified as Andrew Aguirre – 23 and Vanessa Oviedo – 27. Violent Crimes Detectives are following leads in this case and believe the Victims were targeted. Detectives are looking into the possibility of gang involvement.

*****UPDATE - 12/21/2016*****

Visalia Police Department detectives continue to investigate this homicide. No arrests have been made. We continue to ask for the public to come forward with information. Detectives and Vanessa Oviedo's family will be available Thursday



December 22, 2016 at 9am at VPD headquarters to provide the media with updates on this case, including the announcement of a monetary reward. Media inquiries can be directed to Sgt. Damon Maurice at (559) 713-4216.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Visalia PD Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. D. Maurice

