



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**April 6, 2017**

**VPD Report Number:** 17-26869

**Date/Time Occurred:** 4/6/17 1330 Hours

**Type of Incident:**

**Location:** 100 block W. Laurel

- Possession of Methamphetamine for sale
- Possession of Heroin for sale
- Sales of narcotics within one thousand feet of a school
- Possession of Heroin
- Possession of Methamphetamine

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

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| 1. Maria McSweeney  | 49 | Yes |
| 2. Tanya Kindle     | 51 | Yes |
| 3. Tonantzin Vargas | 44 | Yes |

**Details:** Additional Suspects:

Melissa Mauldin Age 36 Arrested: Yes

Steve Sund Age 51 Arrested: Yes

After a two week investigation into the sale of illegal narcotics in the area of some Visalia schools, the Visalia Police Narcotics and Special Enforcement Units served a search warrant in the 100 block of W. Laurel. There officers located 10 grams of Heroin, ½ ounce of Methamphetamine, scales and packaging materials. The following persons were arrested:

Maria McSweeney:

- Possess of Methamphetamine for sale
- Possession of Heroin for sale
- Sales of narcotics within 1000 feet of a school



Tanya Kindle:  
Possession of Methamphetamine for sale

Tonantzin Vargas:  
Possession of Methamphetamine

Melissa Mauldin:  
Possession of Methamphetamine

Steve Sund:  
Possession of Heroin

McSweeney and Kindle were booked into the Tulare County Jail. Vargas, Mauldin and Sund were cited and released.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotics Unit

**Supervisor:** Sgt. S. Scofield

