



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**June 10, 2017**

**VPD Report Number:** 17-46232

**Date/Time Occurred:** 06/09/2017 1915 hours

**Type of Incident:** Narcotics Arrests

**Location:** 1900 W Oriole, Visalia

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

- 1. Arturo Ceballos Tapia
- 2. Samuel Lopez
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**Details:** On 06/09/2017, VPD's Narcotics Detectives were investigating possible narcotics dealings at a residence in the 1900 blk W. Oriole. At 1915 hours, a vehicle left the residence, a VPD Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) Officer made a traffic stop on the vehicle, driven by Arturo Tapia, and ultimately located a quarter pound of methamphetamine. The Narcotics Unit wrote a search warrant for the residence and served it with the assistance of SEU. Approximately two and a half pounds of methamphetamine, \$3,600, packaging, scales, and a handgun were located in the residence. The resident, Samuel Lopez, was arrested and booked with Tapia at the Tulare County Jail for numerous narcotics related charges including Sales, Transportation and Possession of Methamphetamine.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotics Unit & SEU

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Lentzner S123

