



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***

**September 29, 2017**

**VPD Report Number:** 17-80546

**Date/Time Occurred:** 09/27/2017 1537 hours

**Type of Incident:** Narcotics Arrests

**Location:** 600 blk S Edison/ 3600 blk W College

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Melo, James Earl

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Yes

2. Wilson, Christopher Clay

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Yes

3.

**Details:** On 09/29/2017 at 1537 hours, the Visalia Police Department's Narcotics Unit, with the assistance of the Special Enforcement and Property Crimes Units, served two search warrants in the 600 block S Edison and the 3600 blk W College. The search warrants were the result of the Narcotics Unit investigation of drug distribution by members of the Mongols Motorcycle Club. Detectives located a loaded handgun, 1/2 lb of methamphetamine and over \$13,000 in cash.

James Earl Melo and Christopher Clay Wilson were arrested and booked at the Tulare County Jail for several felonies including, narcotics sales, firearm related charges, and Gang Enhancements.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotics Unit

**Supervisor:** Sergeant Lentzner S123

