



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**November 28, 2017**

**VPD Report Number:** 17-99535

**Date/Time Occurred:** 11/28/17 0342 hours

**Type of Incident:** Armed robberies arrest

**Location:** 1900 block of S. Mooney

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

1. Flyers - 1930 S. Mooney
2. Valero - 4445 W. Noble
3. Flyers - 1375 E. Mineral King

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Fernando Gonzalez
2. Cesar Chavez

21  
19

Yes  
Yes

**Details:** On today's date at 0342 hours, the Visalia Police Department responded to Flyers Gas Station at 1930 S. Mooney for a report of an armed robbery. One male suspect entered the business armed with a handgun and stole cash from the business. The suspect then fled in an awaiting vehicle described as a black pickup truck.

At 0410 hours, the same suspect entered the Valero Gas Station at 4445 W. Noble and, while armed with a handgun, stole cash from the business before fleeing in the black pickup.

At 0445 hours, the same suspect entered the Flyers Gas Station at 1375 E. Mineral King and stole cash from the business while armed with a handgun and fled in the black pickup.

A notification of these robberies was provided to surrounding law enforcement agencies. At 0544 hours, Tulare Police Department officers conducted a traffic stop on a pickup matching the description of this getaway vehicle. Officers located evidence related to the robberies as well as a firearm inside the vehicle.

21 year old Fernando Gonzalez and 19 year old Cesar Chavez were detained and positively identified as the suspects in these three robberies. The investigation revealed Gonzalez was the suspect who entered the businesses and Chavez was



the getaway driver. Both suspects were also found to have committed two robberies in Tulare which occurred after the Visalia crimes. Both suspects were arrested and booked into jail on several counts of robbery.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** VPD Patrol / VC Unit

**Supervisor:** Sgt. D. Maurice

