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NEWS RELEASE

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Gang Investigation Yields Stolen Rifle and Methamphetamine

January 12, 2018 at 0700 hours, Officers from the Tulare Area Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET) and Visalia Police Department Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) concluded a six month investigation with a search warrant service in the 21000 block of Ballon Ave, Lindsay.

The investigation began summer of 2017 when VPD and TARGET officers learned that the residence on Ballon was possibly a safe house for northern gang members in possession of firearms. The investigation culminated this morning with the service of a search warrant at the residence.

During the service of the search warrant officers located resident Adrian Castanon, 35 years of age, in possession of a stolen AR style rifle, methamphetamine, and ammunition. Castanon is a convicted felon making it illegal for him to possess firearms or ammunition.

Castanon was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Jail on charges of Felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a stolen firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of methamphetamine with a firearm.

