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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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VPD Report Number: 18-010283

Date/Time Occurred: 02/03/18 at 2013 hours

Type of Incident: Attempted Homicide

Location: 2100 block of N. Dinuba

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Ruben Yabet Perez	24	Yes
2. Robert Ramos Jr	21	Yes
3. Steven Michael Lopez	24	NO

Details: Suspect #4: Francisco Nava Age: 27 Arrested: NO

On 02/03/18 at 2013 hrs, Visalia Police Department responded to a reported shooting in the area of Dinuba and Vine. Upon arrival, it was discovered that a vehicle, occupied by two victims, was struck by gunshots. The suspects had fired from another vehicle and fled in an unknown direction. No one was injured. Violent Crimes Detectives and Crime Lab responded to assist with the investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Det. K. Grant at 559-713-4092.

*****UPDATE - 02/22/18*****

Violent Crimes Detectives were able to determine that the four listed suspects verbally harrassed and then physically attacked a victim while yelling gang slurs. When the victims attempted to flee in a vehicle, the suspects followed them and fired a gun at the victim's vehicle. The two occupants of the victim vehicle were not struck by gunfire and not seriously injured. Special Enforcement Unit Officers and Detectives were able to identify the listed suspects as involved in this incident with the assistance of video surveillance.



On 02/06/18 at 1200 hours, SEU Officers located Suspect Ruben Yabet Perez during a traffic stop near Lovers Ln/Noble Ave. He was arrested without incident and later booked into jail after being interviewed. During a search warrant at his residence in the 300 block of N. Arroyo, evidence was located that linked Suspect Perez to the crime.

On 02/22/18 at 1245 hours, Suspect Robert Ramos Jr was located by Hanford PD in the City of Hanford. After a brief foot chase, Suspect Ramos was arrested. Violent Crimes Detectives interviewed Suspect Ramos and then booked him into jail.

Suspect Steven Michael Lopez and Suspect Francisco Nava have been identified as additional suspects in this case. Their whereabouts are unknown. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of Suspect Lopez and/or Suspect Nava are urged to contact Det. Kevin Grant at (559)713-4092. Anonymous tips can be provided through Valley Crimestoppers at (559)498-STOP.

This incident is believed to be gang related.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/ Crime Lab/ Violent Crimes / **Supervisor:** Sgt. Kroeze/Sgt Lentzner
Special Enforcement Unit

