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

March 13, 2018

VPD Report Number: 18-022609

Date/Time Occurred: 3/13/18 at 1522 hours

Type of Incident: Possession of a Slot Machine, Operating a Slot Machine Room, Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales

Location: 1132 N. Ben Maddox

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. James Booher

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Yes

2. Tammy Gomes

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Yes

3.

Details: On March 13, 2018 at 1522 hours, Visalia Police Officers from the Homeless Outreach and Proactive Enforcement (HOPE) Team, working with officials from the City of Visalia Code Enforcement, disrupted an illegal gaming business operating out of 1132 N. Ben Maddox.

Property Crimes detectives responded and executed a search warrant at the location. 17 individuals had been found taking part in illegal gaming activities.

A drug detection dog from Farmersville Police Department responded to assist.

Approximately three quarters of a pound of methamphetamine was located from within the business and from a vehicle parked in front of the business. Tammy Gomes of Visalia and James Booher of Exeter were arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales. Several additional individuals were arrested for outstanding warrants and a casino employee was cited for gaming violations. Over \$2,500 was seized from the business, as well as several gaming machines. The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this is encouraged to contact Detective Moffett of the Visalia Police Department Property Crimes Unit at 559-713-4574.



Arresting / Investigating Officer: HOPE Officers/Property Crimes

Supervisor: Sgt. M. Verissimo, S36

