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

April 23, 2018

VPD Report Number: 18-034025

Date/Time Occurred: 04/16/18 at 2230 hours

Type of Incident: Attempt Homicide

Location: 1400 Block of W. McHughes

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Jovanny Lares
2. Adrian Barrera
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Details: On April 16th, 2018 at approximately 10:30 PM, officers were dispatched to a shooting that just occurred on the 1400 block of West McHughes. Upon arrival, officers located a 62 year old male victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to KDMC and listed in critical but stable condition. The initial investigation indicated that the shooting may have been the result of an interrupted burglary attempt. The Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Unit and Crime Lab took over the investigation. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Visalia Police Department.

UPDATE - 04/19/18

During the follow up investigation, Violent Crimes Detectives determined that a residential burglary occurred where stolen items were taken. The suspects fled the scene without being detected. Approximately one hour later, Suspect Jovanny Lares entered the same backyard of the residence armed with a handgun. He attempted to make entry into the same structure which was now occupied by two victims. When the victims attempted to stop the suspect from entering, a struggle ensued and the suspect fired the gun. The victims were not injured. When the 62 year old male victim went into the backyard to see what happened, the suspect shot him and fled the scene.

On 04/19/18, information was developed that Suspect Jovanny Lares was possibly at a residence in the 400 Block of N. Glenn in Fresno. While conducting surveillance, TARGET Taskforce Officers and Fresno PD - M.A.G.E.C - Metro



Tactical Unit Officers observed Suspect Lares at the residence. When TARGET and MAGEC Officers attempted to serve a VPD search warrant, the suspect was located outside the residence and was taken into custody without incident. Inside the residence, VPD Detectives located stolen items that were taken during the burglary.

Suspect Jovanny Lares was interviewed and later booked into Tulare County Jail for Attempted Homicide and other related charges.

The 62 year old male victim is still being treated at a medical facility but is expected to survive.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact Det. Celeste Sanchez at (559)713-4739.

UPDATE - 04/23/18

Through the ongoing investigation, Violent Crimes Detectives were able to identify the suspect vehicle used to flee the scene. Suspect Jovanny Lares was a passenger and Suspect Adrian Barrera was the driver of this vehicle. On 04/21/18 at approximately 2130 hours, Fresno Police Patrol Officers located the suspect vehicle in the 3100 block of E. Hedges in Fresno. Fresno Police Officers were also able to detain Suspect Adrian Barrera without incident.

Violent Crimes Detectives were contacted and responded to the location where they were able to recover several items that were stolen during the original burglary. Suspect Adrian Barrera was arrested and then interviewed at the Visalia Police Department. He was then booked into Tulare County Jail for his involvement.

No additional suspects are outstanding at this time. However, if anyone has information related to this case, please contact Det. Celeste Sanchez at (559)713-4739.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Crime Lab/Violent Crimes/
SEU/ TARGET Taskforce/ Fresno PD - MAGEC Metro Tactical Unit/
Fresno PD Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. Kroeze

