



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**October 23, 2018**

**VPD Report Number:** 18-093697

**Date/Time Occurred:** 10/23/18 1233 hours

**Type of Incident:** Narcotics Sales and Felon in Possession of a Handgun Arrest

**Location:** Walnut/ Giddings, Visalia

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

**Suspect:**

1. Ricks, Curtis Wayne
- 2.
- 3.

**Age:**

47

**Arrested:**

Yes

**Details:** On 10/23/18 at 1233 hours, an officer assigned to the Special Enforcement Unit made a traffic stop on Curtis Ricks at Walnut/ Giddings. As Ricks exited his vehicle he tossed a bag under his vehicle. The bag was found to contain nearly two ounces of cocaine. Ricks was also found to be in possession of approximately \$5,500. The Special Enforcement Unit and Narcotics Units served two search warrants as a result of this arrest. Officers located a 9mm handgun and oxycotin pills at his residence. Ricks was booked at the Tulare County Jail for several felonies including narcotic sales and felon in possession of a firearm.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** SEU/Narcotics

**Supervisor:** Sergeant Randy Lentzner

