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

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VPD Report Number: 20-000328

Date/Time Occurred: 1-1-20/ 2249 hrs.

Type of Incident: Vandalism/ Gang Enhancement

Location: NE 5th/Houston

Name of Business (if applicable):

Village Park- City of Visalia

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Male Juvenile

15

Yes

2. Male Juvenile

13

Yes

Details: On the listed date and time, Special Enforcement Unit officers were conducting enforcement operations in the area of N.E. 5th and Houston. Officers located two known juvenile gang members who are on probation with curfew restrictions. Upon contact, a can of spray paint was located on one of the juveniles. A search of the area was conducted and officers located multiple locations that were spray painted and linked with the juveniles' specific gang. A vehicle, private business, and the Village Park located next to the Wittman Village Community Center were all targets of the two juveniles. Additional evidence was located tying the juveniles to the vandalism. Both juveniles were booked at the Tulare County Juvenile Facility for charges of vandalism and promoting a criminal street gang.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: S.E.U.

Supervisor: Sgt. Mike Short

