



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**August 21, 2020**

**VPD Report Number:** 20-071159

**Date/Time Occurred:** August 21, 2020 9:16 a.m.

**Type of Incident:** Search Warrant - Arrest-  
Cultivation of Marijuana

**Location:** 1700 Blk S Elverta

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Wu, Qiang Zhong

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Yes

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**Details:** Within the past few weeks an employee from Southern California Edison contacted the Visalia Police Department's Narcotics Unit and advised that there was possibly an indoor marijuana grow at a residence in the 1700 Blk S Elverta. As a result of the investigation, on August 21, 2020 at 0916 hrs, the Visalia Police Department's Narcotics Unit, Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) and Tulare Area Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET) served a Search Warrant at the residence. Officers found 823 marijuana plants growing inside the two-story residence. Suspect Qiang Zhong Wu was arrested and booked at the Tulare County Pre-trial Facility for cultivation of marijuana.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotics Unit, SEU & TARGET    **Supervisor:** Sgt. Paul Esquibel S131

