



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**September 11, 2020**

**VPD Report Number:** 20-077654

**Date/Time Occurred:** September 10, 2020 at 1:16 p.m.

**Type of Incident:** Probation Search/Arrest for:  
Narcotics and Weapon Charges

**Location:** 15000 Ave. 288

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

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Lawrence, Rickey Ray
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Yes

**Details:** On September 11, 2020 at 1:16 p.m. the Visalia Police Department’s Narcotics Unit and with the assistance of the Tulare Area Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET) went to Suspect Rickey Ray Lawrence’s residence to conduct a probation compliance check. While officers were searching the residence, Lawrence drove up in his vehicle. He was contacted and found to be in possession and transporting narcotics. As a result of the search, officers located approximately a pound of methamphetamine, a digital scale, packaging material, 5 vials of steroids, a firearm and a large amount of currency. Lawrence is a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing ammunition and firearms. He was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition; possession of narcotics while armed; and for possession and transportation of methamphetamine for sales.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotics Unit & TARGET

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Paul Esquibel S131

