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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
December 23, 2020

VPD Report Number: 20-099520
20-104082

Date/Time Occurred: 11-22-20
12-08-20

Type of Incident: Attempt Homicide (Shooting)

Location: 1720 E. Mineral King
1439 E. Noble

Name of Business (if applicable):

Relax Inn
Little Caesars Pizza

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

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| 1. Gonzalez, Myles (20-099520, 20-104082) | 18 | Yes |
| 2. Male Juvenile (20-104082) | 17 | Yes |
| 3. Gutierrez, Ramon (20-099520) | 32 | Yes |

Details:

Relax Inn:

11-22-2020, 1210 hrs, officers responded to the area of Mineral King and Cain regarding multiple shots fired. Several individuals were witnessed fleeing the area. Upon arrival officers searched the area the suspects fled to, but this met with negative results. It was learned three unknown suspects got into a verbal altercation with other males who were in the parking lot of the Relax Inn. One of the suspects produced a handgun and shot multiple rounds towards the other males and fled. There were no injuries as a result of the shooting. The victims in this matter also fled the area. This matter is currently under investigation, and is believed to be gang related.



Little Caesars Pizza:

On 12/08/2020 at 1648 hours, officers were dispatched to the Mary’s Vineyard Shopping Center at Ben Maddox/Noble regarding a shooting that had just occurred in the parking lot. Upon arrival, officers located 3 victims who were suffering gunshot wounds. They were all transported to KDMC for medical treatment. All 3 are expected to survive. The suspect had fled the scene prior to the arrival of officers.

*****UPDATE*****

Officers and Detectives with the Special Enforcement Bureau took over the investigation of these two cases. During the course of the investigation, information was developed regarding the identity of the individuals involved. On 12-17-20 at 0700 hrs. Officers with the Special Enforcement Bureau, Visalia P.D. SWAT, TARGET Task Force, U.A.S. Unit, and Property Crimes Unit served arrest and search warrants at two different locations within the City of Visalia. As a result, Myles Gonzalez and a male juvenile were taken into custody in relation to the Little Caesars Pizza shooting. Myles Gonzalez was also arrested in connection with the Relax Inn shooting. Suspect Ramon Gutierrez was previously arrested in connection with the Relax Inn shooting on 12-3-20. This is an on-going investigation and anyone with information is urged to contact the Visalia Police Department Tip-Line at (559) 713-4738.

*****UPDATE*****

On 12-21-20 officers for the Special Enforcement Unit were contacted by the attorney for Rene Farias (29). Mr. Farias was the final outstanding suspect wanted in connection with the Little Caesars Pizza shooting on 12-8-20. At 1210 hrs. Mr. Farias, along with his attorney, responded to the Visalia Police Department and turned himself in to Special Enforcement Unit Officers. Rene Farias was taken into custody and booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility. Anyone with additional information regarding this case is urged to contact the Visalia Police Department Tip-Line at (559) 713-4738.

*****UPDATE*****

On 12-23-20 at 1000 hrs. Officers with the Special Enforcement Unit served an arrest and search warrant in the 1800 block of east Mineral King related to the Relax Inn shooting. As a result, officers arrested Jesus Tienda (39) and a male juvenile (17) for their roles in the shooting. During the search, officers located high capacity magazines, body armor, and a butane Honey-oil lab. With the arrest of these two individuals, all outstanding suspects in this case have now been arrested and charged. Anyone who would like to provide additional information in this case is urged to contact the Visalia Police Department Tip-Line at (559) 713-4738.

Arrested:

Age:

Tienda, Jesus

39

Male Juvenile

17

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Special Enforcement Bureau

Supervisor: Sgt. Mike Short



