



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
July 29, 2021

VPD Report Number: 21-062729

Date/Time Occurred: 7-28-2021/ 2358 hrs.

Type of Incident: Homicide

Location: Mooney/Caldwell

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

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| 1. Patel, Derick | 23 | Yes |
| 2. Guerra, Eliazar | 23 | Yes |
| 3. Sanchez, Nina | 23 | Yes |

Details: On 7-28-2021 at approximately 1158 p.m. officers were dispatched to the intersection of Mooney/Caldwell for a medical aid with the police department needed. While enroute to the location, officers were advised that there were two male individuals suffering from gunshot wounds. Officers arrived and immediately rendered aid to the two victims, and they were subsequently transported to Kaweah Health Medical Center. Upon arrival, one of the male victims was pronounced deceased. The second male is listed in stable condition.

The Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Unit was called out and took over the investigation. Detectives worked various leads throughout the night and the following day. Officers with the Special Enforcement Unit, Narcotics Unit, and TARGET Task Force were called in to assist. Through the investigation, Detectives were able to identify Derick Patel (23), Eliazar Guerra (23), and Nina Sanchez (23) as suspects in the shooting. Detectives and assisting officers traveled to the City of Bakersfield, and with the assistance of Bakersfield CHP and Kern County Sheriff's Office, the suspects were taken into custody without incident.

This incident is still under investigation and the names of the victims are not being released at this time.



Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective Mike Morgantini at (559) 713-4104. Those individuals wishing to remain anonymous can contact the Anonymous Tip-Line at (559) 713-4738.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: V.C./Patrol/Narcs/S.E.U./TARGET **Supervisor:** Sgt. N. Flaws

