



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
March 17, 2022

VPD Report Number: 22-21591

Date/Time Occurred: March 17, 2022 / 12:55

Type of Incident:

Fentanyl Sales,
Felon in possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession
of Ammunition, Possession of Undetectable Firearm,
Possession of Heroin

Location: 2900 Block of South Verde Vista &
2400 Block of South Santa Fe

Name of Business (if applicable):

N / A

Suspect:

- 1. Shawna Tarkington
- 2. Arturo Ramirez-Valencia
- 3. Gabriel Walton
- 4. Gabrielle Berard

Age:

- 59
- 27
- 34
- 28

Arrested:

- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes

Details: On March 17, 2022, at 12:55 hours, the Visalia Police Department Narcotics Unit contacted Suspect Shawna Tarkington and Suspect Arturo Ramirez-Valencia in the area of Lovers Lane and Millcreek. Tarkington and Ramirez-Valencia were found to be in possession of Fentanyl with the intent to distribute. A search warrant was served at Tarkington’s residence in the 2900 block of South Verde Vista and a storage unit in the 2400 block of South Santa Fe. While at the storage unit, Detectives contacted Suspect Gabriel Walton. Walton was in possession of an untraceable loaded firearm. Walton is a convicted felon, prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition and was found to have multiple felony warrants from the southern California area. Gabrielle Berard was found to be in possession of heroin. All suspects were arrested for various charges.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Narcotics Unit / S.E.U.

Supervisor: Sgt. S. O’Rafferty

