



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**January 5, 2023**

**TARGET Report Number:** BOF-TG2023-00001

**Date/Time Occurred:** January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 / 12:45 pm

**Type of Incident:** Search Warrant

**Location:** 1600 block of E Douglas Ave.

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

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Alejandro Coronado Jr.

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Yes

2. Christopher Espinoza

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Yes

**Details:**

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at approximately 12:45 pm, the Tulare County Agencies Regional Gun Violence Enforcement Team (TARGET Task Force) conducted a joint search warrant service with the Visalia Police Department’s Narcotic and Special Enforcement Units in the 1600 block of E. Douglas Ave. The search warrant resulted in one handgun that had been modified to be a machine gun and reported stolen out of Tulare, one privately manufactured firearm handgun frame, three large capacity magazines, one standard capacity magazine, numerous firearm parts, approximately four hundred rounds of ammunition, approximately two pounds of suspected methamphetamine, scales, and packaging material as well as U.S. currency supporting the sales of illegal narcotics.

As a result, Alejandro Coronado Jr. was arrested for being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a stolen firearm, possession of a machine gun, ammunition, and ammunition feeding devices, criminal storage of a firearm, child endangerment, possession for sales of a controlled substance and an outstanding felony warrant. Also arrested at the scene was Christopher Espinoza, for possession for sales of a controlled substance as well as having an active no bail warrant for a parole violation. Both subjects were booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** SEU/Narcotic Unit/TARGET

**Supervisor:** Sgt. A. Alvarez

