



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***

**February 22, 2023**

**VPD Report Number:** 20-105558

**Date/Time Occurred:** February 21, 2023, at 6:00 A.M.

**Type of Incident:** Homicide, Accessory to Homicide, Felony Conspiracy, and Resisting, Delaying, Obstructing an Officer

**Location:** 500 block of S. Shasta St., Farmersville  
800 block of W. Gregg Ave., Farmersville  
600 block of W. Costner St., Farmersville  
1200 block of N. Stover St., Visalia

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

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Antonio Castaneda	20	Yes
2. Candelaria Ramos	48	Yes
3. Jennifer Ruiz-Castaneda	18	Yes
4. Jose Ramos-Castaneda	21	Yes
5. Jose Patricio Ramos Jr.	51	Yes
6. Maria Griselda-Campos	43	Yes
7. Male Juvenile	16	Yes

**Details:**

**\*\*\*\*\*BACKGROUND\*\*\*\*\***

On December 13, 2020, at 7:59 P.M., patrol officers were dispatched to the area of Ruiz Park at 639 E. Buena Vista Ave. in Visalia regarding a shooting that had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers located one victim suffering from a single gunshot wound. The 15-year-old victim was taken to a local hospital and died as a result of his injuries seven days later.



\*\*\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*\*\*

The Visalia Police Department and the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Special Operations Unit (SOU) partnered and conducted an extensive investigation into the murder. The collaborative work of these agencies, along with informational tips from the public, assisted the Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Unit in identifying seven suspects for their involvement in the homicide.

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at approximately 6:00 A.M., the Visalia Police Department SWAT Team, the Tulare County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, and the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Special Operations Unit (SOU) served a series of search warrants in the City of Farmersville and in the City of Visalia. The investigation resulted in a total of six search warrants being served, producing seven arrests and the seizure of six handguns, one shotgun, and approximately \$10,000 in cash.

The below listed suspects were arrested and booked on the following charges:

- Antonio Castaneda – Homicide
- Candelaria Ramos – Accessory to Homicide and Felony Conspiracy
- Jennifer Ruiz-Castaneda – Conspiracy
- Jose Ramos-Castaneda – Accessory to Homicide and Felony Conspiracy
- Jose Patricio Ramos Jr. – Accessory to Homicide and Felony Conspiracy
- Maria Griselda-Campos – Resisting, Delaying, Obstructing an Officer
- Male Juvenile- Accessory to Homicide and Felony Conspiracy.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Visalia Police Department and California DOJ Special Operations Unit.

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Art Alvarez

