



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**April 16, 2023**

**TARGET Report Number:** BOF-TG2023-00043

**Date/Time Occurred:** April, 12, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

**Type of Incident:** Search Warrant Service

**Location:** 19000 block of Avenue 176, Porterville, CA

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

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Casey Schuler

63

Yes

**Details:**

On April 12, 2023, the Tulare County Agencies Regional Gun Violence Enforcement Team (TARGET Task Force) with assistance from detectives with the Tulare County Sheriff's TAGNET served a search warrant at a residence on Avenue 176 near Road 192, in the county area near Porterville.

The search warrant stemmed from a subject that was discovered in the Armed and Prohibited Persons System (APPS) with a Temporary Workplace Violence Restraining Order. As part of the restraining order, the subject was ordered not to own or possess any firearms and/or ammunition.

The subject was also ordered to sell or store his firearms at a licensed firearm's dealer or turn them into a law enforcement agency within 24 hours of being served with a copy of this order and provide proof of that to the court. An investigation was initiated by the TARGET Task Force, into the subject identified as 63-year-old Casey Schuler from Porterville, who had not surrendered his 30 registered firearms to law enforcement or transferred them through or stored them with a licensed firearm's dealer.

During service of the search warrant, Schuler was contacted and detained at the residence. Upon searching the residence, agents located and seized 16 handguns, 14 rifles, 5 shotguns, 27 large-capacity magazines, 42 standard-capacity magazines, 31,160 live rounds of ammunition (including 160 live rounds of .30 caliber 164 grain armor piercing rifle ammunition).

At the conclusion of the search warrant, Schuler was arrested, transported and booked into the Tulare County Sheriff's South County Detention Facility for Penal Code Section 29825(a) - being a prohibited person due to a restraining order and possessing or owning a firearm and Penal Code Section 30305(a)(1) - being a prohibited person in possession of ammunition.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** TARGET Task Force/TAGNET      **Supervisor:** Cmdr. J. Ackley

