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Drugs, Ammo, & Guns Seized During Multi-Agency Operation, 3 Arrested

On June 6, 2023, the Tulare County Agencies Regional Gun Violence Enforcement Team (TARGET Task Force) led a multi-agency operation that included the Visalia Police Department's Narcotics and Special Enforcement Unit and the Tulare County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team.

TARGET served three search warrants in Visalia, where they seized one ounce of cocaine, several illegal high-capacity magazines and nine guns including ghost guns, a handgun stolen out of state, assault weapons, AR-15's, and multiple firearm parts.

36-year-old Marisela Casas, 33-year-old David Mariscal and 25-year-old Alex Espinoza were arrested for the possession and manufacturing of illegal firearms and machines guns, as well as other firearms related violations. In addition, Espinoza was arrested for the possession of a controlled substance for sales and possession of a controlled substance while armed. All three were booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial Detention Facility.

