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Multi-Agency Operation Leads to Seizure of Drugs, Ammo, and Guns, 2 Arrested

At 8:15 a.m. this morning, the Tulare County Agencies Regional Gun Violence Enforcement Team (TARGET Task Force), with the assistance from detectives with the Tulare County Sheriff's Office TAGNET and CATTCH Units as well as agents with the California Department of Justice, served two search warrants at a residence in the 700 block of North Elmwood Avenue in Lindsay and at an apartment in the 2900 block of West Caldwell Avenue in Visalia.

During the searches, one handgun, two rifles, two shotguns, four large capacity magazines, 22 standard capacity ammunition feeding devices, live ammunition, over 200 grams of cocaine, as well as items and materials consistent with the sales of controlled substances were located and seized.

25-year-old Angel Vasquez, a convicted felon, and his girlfriend, 24-year-old Wendy Rodriguez, were arrested.

Vasquez was arrested and booked into the Tulare County South County Detention Facility for active warrants for possession for sales of controlled substances as well as a DUI. He was also charged with being a convicted felon in possession of firearms and ammunition, possession for sales of a controlled substance and possession of a firearm with a controlled substance as well as child endangerment.

Rodriguez was booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility on charges of possession for sales of a controlled substance and possession of a firearm with a controlled substance.

This case will be submitted to the Tulare County District Attorney's Office for review and consideration of criminal prosecution.

If anyone has information regarding the illegal possession or manufacturing of firearms, please contact the TARGET Task Force Tip line at (559) 713-4738.

