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Visalia PD Responds to Severe Elder and Child Abuse Case: Horrific Living Conditions Uncovered

At 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 2024, Visalia PD officers were called to Kaweah Health Medical Center for a report of a 52-year-old woman who had been dropped off and was extremely emaciated and in medical distress. Patrol responded to the hospital and requested the assistance of the Violent Crimes Unit.

During the investigation, it was revealed that the 52-year-old woman was under the care of one of her adult daughters. Detectives found the residence where the victim had been staying and obtained a search warrant for the home in the 600 block of North Garden Street in Visalia.

Inside the residence, detectives found 34-year-old Cecilia Colleen Rodriguez, 61-year-old Gregory Paul Chavez, and four juveniles ages 4 to 15.

The living conditions were horrendous, with bugs, feces and trash scattered throughout the home.

Due to the hazardous environment, Adult Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, and Code Enforcement were called to the scene. The four children were placed in the custody of Child Welfare Services.

The 52-year-old victim is currently in stable condition. Rodriguez and Chavez were both arrested and charged with Elder Abuse, Child Neglect, and Abuse.

