



## VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **VPD Bust Narcotics Operation: Salon Owner Arrested for Drug Trafficking, Firearms Seized**

On March 6th, 2024, the Visalia PD Narcotics Unit and Special Enforcement Unit served a search warrant at a residence in the 15000 block of Avenue 256 in Visalia. Detectives then served a search warrant at the Gorgeous Salon in the 500 block of South Lovers Lane in Visalia.

Detectives located firearms, ammunition, and a large quantity of narcotics. Investigation revealed that 54-year-old Denise Souza, of Visalia, had been selling narcotics from the salon and throughout Visalia.

Souza was arrested for possession of narcotics for sale, felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, and possession of an assault weapon that was privately manufactured. She was booked into the Tulare County Adult Pretrial Detention Facility.

Additionally, the City of Visalia Code Enforcement responded and issued a cease-and-desist order for the Gorgeous Salon. There were no indications that any other employees of the salon were involved in criminal activity.

