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Drug Investigation Leads to Arrests in Ivanhoe, Visalia

Yesterday, the Visalia PD's Narcotics and Special Enforcement Unit served a search warrant at a residence on Waverly Court in Ivanhoe. The Narcotics unit had been investigating 29-year-old Jesus Villafan for narcotics sales within the City of Visalia.

When officers arrived, they arrested Villafan in the front yard. Meanwhile, 19-year-old Ruben Anguiano-Guardian jumped out of a back window and threw a loaded "ghost gun" and several pounds of methamphetamine in the backyard. He also threw a loaded semiautomatic rifle over a fence, where small children were present.

Officers quickly arrested Villafan and Anguiano-Guardian and recovered the discarded weapons and narcotics. The semiautomatic rifle was found to be stolen and had several illegal modifications.

Both suspects faced charges related to drugs and weapons, including child endangerment due to the reckless disposal of illicit items in an area frequented by small children.

