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NEWS RELEASE

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TARGET Investigation Leads to Narcotics Arrest

April 19th 2013 – Following a month-long investigation, members of the Tulare County Agencies Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET) – assisted by Tulare County Probation - served a narcotics search warrant at a residence on the 1500 block of West Walnut Avenue, in the City of Visalia. When TARGET officers arrived at the residence, Jonathan Louis Deatherage ran out the back door and tossed a bag containing Crystal Methamphetamine over the fence, and into a neighboring yard. Jonathan Deatherage was arrested at the scene; officers recovered the narcotics tossed by the suspect. The search of the residence yielded additional Crystal Methamphetamine, digital scales, narcotics packaging materials, and other evidence of drug sales activity. A total of 17.2 grams of Crystal Methamphetamine was seized at the residence.

Jonathan Louis Deatherage was transported to the Tulare County Jail and booked under charges of Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale, Maintaining a place for Trafficking in Controlled Substances, and Contempt of Court.

