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VPD Report Number: 14-13885

Type of Incident:

Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales Felon in Possession of a Firearm Felon in Possession of Ammunition Maintaining a Residence for Narcotic Sales Violation of Probation **Date/Time Occurred:** 11/14/14 0700 hours **Location:** 4600 Block of W. Cypress

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Isaiah Jamal Taylor	27	Yes
2. Justin Cardoza	33	Yes
3. Juvenile-Male	16	Yes

Details: On 11/14/14 at approximately 0700 hours, Visalia Police Department SWAT Team served a search warrant in the 4600 block of W. Cypress as part of an investigation conducted by the Narcotics Unit. After the residence was secured, a search of the residence was conducted by Narcotic Detectives and the Gang Suppression Unit. During the search of (S) Isaiah Taylor's room, officers located ½ ounce of methamphetamine, digital scales, packaging material and other items indicative of sales.

Officers also located a loaded handgun and numerous rounds ammunition in (S) Taylor's room. (S) Taylor was on felony probation and is a convicted felon. (S) Taylor was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, Maintaining a Residence for Narcotic Sales, and Violation of Probation.

(S) Justin Cardoza, who was located inside the residence, was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for Possession of an Illegal Weapon. A 16 year old male was transported and booked into Juvenile Hall for a Probation Violation.

Numerous items associated with identity theft were discovered in the residence. These items were turned over to Property Crimes detectives for further investigation and possible additional charges.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Narcotics Unit

Supervisor: R. Epp



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