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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 15-10069 **Date/Time Occurred:** 7/18/15 @ 1920 hours

Type of Incident: Attempted Murder (664-187 PC) **Location:** 200 Blk of E. Houston Ave

Criminal Gang Enhancement (186.22 P.C.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:	Age:	<u>Arrested:</u>
1. Ramirez, Johnny	18	Yes
2. Ontiveros, Anthony	19	Yes
3. Romero, Ricardo	18	Yes

Details: On 7/18/15 at 1920 hours a Visalia Police Officer happened upon a shooting that had just occurred in the 200 blk of E. Houston. The officer discovered that 2 victims had been shot and provided suspect information to responding officers. Several other units quickly arrived in the area and observed a group of gang members when one began to flee. That subject was taken into custody after a moderate foot pursuit with the assistance of a police K-9. He was subsequently identified as S/Ramirez and is the suspected shooter in this case.

Two additional suspects were taken into custody leaving the area by responding units. During the course of the investigation it was determined that one suspect approached the home and fired upon two rival gang members, striking them both. The victims were transported to KDMC where they were treated for non-life threatening gunshot wounds. The three suspects were booked into the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility for Attempted Murder (664-187 PC) and a Criminal Street Gang Enhancement. (186.22)

This investigation is being handled by the Visalia Police Department Gang Suppression Unit and anyone with information on this shooting is encouraged to contact Officer Shane Logan at 559-713-4433.



Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol Division / Gang Suppression Unit.	Supervisor: Sgt. Curtis Brown