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**VPD Report Number:** 18-00935 **Date/Time Occurred:** 1/5/18 1523 hours

**Type of Incident:** Stolen Vehicle, Pursuit **Location:** Santa Fe/Murray

## Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:	Age:	Arrestea:
1. Andrew McLain-Ortiz	19	Yes
2. Toby Francis	20	Yes
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**Details:** On 1/5/18 at 1523 hours, the Visalia Police Department received a call from the owner of a stolen vehicle who had located their stolen vehicle in the area of Murray/Willis. Units arrived as the vehicle was leaving the area. A traffic stop was conducted at Encina/Murray and after initially stopping, the vehicle fled from officers. As a result, a short pursuit was initiated. During the pursuit, the vehicle attempted to pass vehicles in the dirt at Santa Fe/Murray and the driver lost control of the car. The vehicle continued through the intersection and collided with two parked cars. The occupants were taken into custody at the location of the crash. Both (S) McLain and (S) Francis are documented Norteno gang members. The suspects were booked into the Tulare County Adult Pre-trial Facility related to the auto theft and felony evading.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol Supervisor: Sgt. C. Brown, S133

