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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
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VPD Report Number:

12-01404

Date/Time Occurred:

01/27/2012 1853 hours

Type of Incident:

Attempt Homicide

Location:

2031 S. Mooney Blvd (Visalia Mall)

Victim or Party:

1. Miguel Delarosa Alcala
2. Steven Haynes
- 3.

Age:

20
21

Suspect:

1. Anthony Hansen
2. Adrian Esquer ****UPDATED****
- 3.

Age:

18
18

Arrested:

Yes
Yes

Details:

On 01/27/2012 at 1853 Hours, the Visalia Police Department responded to a shooting that just occurred at the Visalia Mall located at 2031 S. Mooney Blvd. When the Officers arrived it was believed the suspects were still inside the mall. The Officers entered the mall and systematically cleared it. Two gunshot victims were located at the Sweet Factory candy store. They were subsequently rushed to Kaweah Delta Medical Center for treatment of gunshot wounds. They are identified as Miguel Alcala and Steven Haynes, who was not the intended target of the shooter.

The subsequent investigation led to the identification of Anthony Hansen as a participant in the shooting. He is a known active gang member from Visalia. He was arrested without incident at his residence in Visalia at approximately 0200 hours by the Visalia Police Department's S.W.A.T. Team. Other arrests are to follow.

It was been learned this shooting was an isolated incident between two rival gang factions who happened to cross paths at the Visalia Mall. The case is still under investigation. If anyone has any information they are urged to contact Detective Luma Fahoum at 713-4739 or Sergeant Randy Lentzner at 713-4234. Spanish Language callers can contact Detective Juan Saenz at 713-4740.

Investigating Officers:

Violent Crimes Unit and the Gang Suppression Unit

Supervisor:

Sergeant Randy Lentzner



*******UPDATED INFORMATION*******

On 01/29/12 at 1615 hours, Adrian Esquer was taken into custody by the Visalia Police Department's S.W.A.T. Team at his residence in northeast Visalia without incident. He has been identified as participating in the shooting at the Visalia Mall on 01/27/12. This is the second arrest for this shooting. He was booked at the Tulare County Main Jail for two counts of Attempt Homicide and a Gang Enhancement. The Visalia Police Department's Violent Crimes' Unit investigated this incident.

