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NEWS RELEASE

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VPD Report Number: 12-05171

Date/Time Occurred: 04/09/12 2102 hours

Type of Incident: Attempt Homicide Arrests

Location: R N Market 737 S Lovers Lane

Victim or Party:

Age:

1. Confidential Male
- 2.
- 3.

19 yrs

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Yang, Blong
2. Saeteurn, Sou Liam
3. Yang, Meng
4. Yang, Smith
5. Yang, Johnathan
6. Confidential male juvenile

26 yrs
24 yrs
21 yrs
22 yrs
21 yrs
17 yrs

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Details:

On 04/09/12 at 2109 hours, Officers responded to the R N Market located at 737 S. lovers Lane for a report of a fight in progress involving several subjects. When officers arrived at the market they discovered the confidential male victim was suffering from numerous injuries involving blunt force trauma. The investigation revealed he was assaulted by 10-15 subjects outside of the store. The physical altercation continued inside of the store when the victim attempted to escape the assaults. The suspects fled the store in awaiting vehicles. The victim was transported to Kaweah Delta Medical Center and treated for numerous injuries involving blunt force trauma. He has since been released from the hospital.

The investigation was assigned to the Violent Crimes' Unit and with the assistance of the Gang Suppression Unit, six of the assailants were identified and taken into custody on this date without incident in different locations throughout the city of Visalia. It was determined the assault was gang related due to the known gang affiliation of the six suspects and the evidence related to the assault. There is no indication the victim is a member of or affiliated in any gangs. The five adult suspects were booked at the Tulare County Main Jail and the juvenile suspect was booked at the Tulare County Juvenile Hall. All six suspects were booked for Attempt Homicide and Conspiracy with a Gang Enhancement.



Arresting / Investigating Officer(s): Violent Crime's Unit and Gang Suppression Unit.

Supervisor: Sergeant Randy Lentzner S123

