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NEWS RELEASE

July 18, 2012

VPD Report Number: 12-10074 12-10275

Date/Time Occurred: 7-11-12 2309 hours
7-15-12 2321 hours

Type of Incident: Armed Robbery, Possession Stolen
Property, Resisting Arrest

Location: Tulare and Linwood
Combs Park

Victim or Party:

1. Male
2. Male
- 3.

Age:

- 19
21

Suspect:

1. **Christopher Hernandez**
2. Juvenile Male
- 3.

Age:

- 19
16

Arrested:

- Yes
Yes

Details: On 7-11-12 The Visalia Police Department responded to a robbery that occurred in the area of Tulare and Linwood. On this date a male victim was walking down the street when he was approached by a vehicle. The occupants got out and assaulted the victim prior to taking his personal property from him.

On 7-15-12 The Visalia Police Department responded to an armed robbery in the area of Combs Park. On this date a male victim was robbed at gun point and his personal belongings were taken from him.

The Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Unit began follow up investigation on both incidents which were believed to be connected. A suspect vehicle was identified as well as two of the suspects involved. On 7-17-12 detectives arrested two Suspects, booking the juvenile Suspect into the Tulare County Juvenile Detention Facility and the adult Suspect into Tulare County Jail. Property from both robberies was recovered during the course of the investigation.

The Suspect vehicle in these robbery cases has been identified as a 90's model red Jeep Cherokee. Investigators believe that these Suspects may be responsible for other recent un-reported robbery incidents. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Visalia Police Department @ (559) 734-8116.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: L.Fahoum/M.Whaley

Supervisor: Agent Lyon

