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NEWS RELEASE

May 7, 2013

VPD Report Number: 13-04277

Date/Time Occurred: 4/11/13 1120 hours

Type of Incident:

Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales
Transportation of Methamphetamine

Location: Road 156 and Mineral King Avenue

500 Block of Outer Drive, Farmersville

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

1. Placencia, Juan Rufino
2. Alvarez, Jose Luciano
- 3.

Age:

24
20

Arrested:

Yes
Yes

Details: On 4/11/13 at approximately 1120 hours, the Visalia Police Department Narcotics Unit and Gang Suppression Unit, conducted a traffic stop on Road 156 and Mineral King Avenue on a vehicle driven by (S) Alvarez and occupied by (S) Placencia. The traffic stop was part of a narcotics investigation and search warrant into the the sales of methamphetamine by (S) Placencia in the City of Visalia. (S) Placencia was found to be in possession of over 2 ounces of methamphetamine and over \$1800 in currency. (S) Alvarez was found to be in possession of over 1 gram of methamphetamine and packaging material. A search warrant was served at (S) Placencia's residence, 500 Block of Outer Drive, where digital scales, packaging materials, and other item indicative of drug sales were located.

Both suspects were transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for Possession of Methamphetamine for Sales and Transportation of Methamphetamine.

Arresting / Investigating Officer:
Narcotics Unit

Supervisor: R. Epp

