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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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TARGET Search Warrant Locates Assault Weapon

April 25, 2013 – Members of the Tulare County Agencies Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET) with the assistance of the Tulare Police Department served a search warrant at 340 N. "G" St. in Tulare.

The search warrant was directed after a 3 month investigation provided TARGET officers with knowledge that the suspect/resident, Jeremiah Arce 20 years of age, was maintaining a residence where gang activity involving firearms was taking place. The Tulare Police Department SWAT Team was utilized to make entry into the residence where a loaded 9mm handgun, an SKS assault rifle with a high capacity magazine, a 20 gauge sawed-off shotgun, ammunition, and gang indicia were located.

Child Welfare Services responded to the scene after officers located two small children living in the residence.

Suspect Jeremiah Arce is a documented northern gang member and was arrested at the scene. Arce was booked into the Tulare County Jail under charges of possession of an assault rifle, possession of high capacity magazine, possession of a sawed-off shotgun, child endangerment, and gang enhancements.

