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NEWS RELEASE
August 16, 2013

| VPD Report Number: 13-10081 | Date/Time Occurred: 8/16/13 at approx 2015 hours |
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Type of Incident: Possession of Narcotics for Sales,

Gang Enhancement

Location: 700 blk of S. Santa Fe

Name of Business (if applicable):

State of California

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Benito Arzate Jr. 27 Yes

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Details: On 8/15/13 at approx. 2015 hours after a month long investigation members of the Visalia Police Department Gang Suppression Unit served a narcotics search warrant at the home of a suspected gang member in the 700 block of S. Santa Fe. During the service of the search warrant officers located over ½ ounce of methamphetamine, 2 ounces of marijuana, and packaging material. Additionally officers located a small pipe bomb during the search. Members of the Tulare County Consolidated Bomb Squad responded and rendered the device safe. The suspect was booked for numerous charges related to the sales of narcotics along with a gang enhancement.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Gang Suppression Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. C. Brown