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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 13-15066

Type of Incident:

Possession of Heroin for Sales Transportation of Heroin **Date/Time Occurred:** 12/4/13 1240 hours

Location: Douglas and Ben Maddox

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:	Age:	<u>Arrested:</u>
1. Agapita Cardenas Torrez	61	Yes
2. Vincent Santos	31	Yes
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Details: On 12/4/13 detectives from the Visalia Police Department Narcotics Unit were conducting a surveillance detail in the area of the Lincoln Oval for narcotic related crimes. During the detail, detectives observed (S) Torrez, who has been arrested previously for possession of heroin for sales. During the surveillance, detectives observed (S) Torrez make several narcotics transactions. Detectives continued the surveillance on (S) Torrez after she left the area as a passenger in a vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle in the area of Douglas and Ben Maddox, with the assistance of officers from the Gang Suppression Unit.

- (S) Torrez was taken into custody and a search of her person revealed 52 individually packaged amounts of heroin. The total weight of the heroin was 8 grams and had a street value of \$1040. (S) Torrez also had over \$400 of currency and packaging material on her person.
- (S) Torrez was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for Possession of Heroin for Sales and Transportation of Heroin.

During the detail, (S) Santos, who has been arrested for sales of narcotics was observed in the area and contacted by officers. (S) Santos was found to have four outstanding warrants for narcotic related crimes. (S) Santos was transported and booked into the Tulare County Jail for the warrants which had a total bail of \$140,000.



Arresting / Investigating Officer: Narcotics Unit Supervisor: R. Epp