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NEWS RELEASE
February 6, 2014

VPD Report Number: 13-09534	Date/Time Occurred:	August 4 th , 2013 at 2:23	} pn
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Type of Incident: Homicide - Arrest **Location:** 2600 Block S Chinowth

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:Age:Arrested:1. Armando Espinoza23Yes

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Details: On 8/4/2013 at approx 1423 hours officers responded to the report of shots fired at a residence on the 2600 block of south Chinowth. Upon arrival officers located the Victim in the front yard suffering from gunshot wounds. He was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

2/6/2014 - Detectives from the TARGET Task Force, Gang Supression Unit, and Violent Crimes Unit uncovered new information identifying twenty three year-old Armando Espinoza as a suspect in the August 2013 murder of Moses Sandoval. (S) Armando Espinoza was arrested on today's date and questioned regarding the murder. Espinoza was later booked at the Tulare County Jail for murder and a gang enhancement charges.

This is an ongoing investigation. We ask that anyone with information related to this case contact Detective Mona Whaley at (559)713-4211.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: TARGET/ Violent Crimes Bureau **Supervisor:** Sgt. G. Byerlee

