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NEWS RELEASE
May 22, 2014

VPD Report Number: 14-6224 **Date/Time Occurred:** 5/22/14 1130hrs

Type of Incident: Carjacking, Kidnapping **Location:** 1600 Block South Court

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Rodriguez, Gabriel 28 Yes

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Details: On 5/22/14 at approximately 1130 hours the Visalia Police Department responded to the 1600 block of South Court to the report of a Carjacking/Kidnapping. The Victim reported that she was approached by the S who brandished a knife and demanded a ride. The S then forced the Victim to drive him to the area of Ben Maddox and Houston where he was dropped off. Officers responded to that area and located Rodriguez who matched the description given by the Victim. The Victim subsequently positively identified Rodriguez as the S. Rodriguez was arrested and booked at the Tulare County Jail.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol, Det. M Whaley Supervisor: Sgt. Byerlee