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VPD Report Number: Type of Incident: Multi-Agency Gang Detail **Date/Time Occurred:** 6/20/14 **Location:** City of Visalia

Name of Business (if applicable):

Age:

Arrested:

- Suspect:
- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Details: On 6/20/14 The Visalia Police Department Gang Suppression Unit assisted by members of the Tulare County Gang Task Force conducted a multi-agency gang detail in the City of Visalia. The purpose of this detail was to ensure probation and parole compliance by known gang members in the city. During the detail officers checked over 25 residences. As a result of those searches 7 subjects were arrested for felony charges and 1 for a misdemeanor violation. Officers seized 5 firearms, a stun gun, high capacity magazines, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, along with numerous items of gang indicia.

Upon completing the compliance portion of the detail members of the task force conducted high visibility saturation patrols in known gang areas throughout the City of Visalia. Officers contacted numerous persons which resulted in an additional 10 felony warrant arrests, and 10 misdemeanor warrant arrests. The Visalia Police Department along with the Tulare County Gang Task Force is committed to suppressing gang activity in and around the County of Tulare.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Tulare County Gang Task Force

Supervisor: Sgt. C. Brown

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