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\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*
September 29, 2016

**VPD Report Number:** 16-30803 **Date/Time Occurred:** 9/28/16 at 1720 Hours

**Type of Incident:** Attempted Homicide **Location:** 600 Block of S. Sowell

## Name of Business (if applicable):

| Suspect:           | Age: | Arrested: |
|--------------------|------|-----------|
| 1. Gutierrez, Jose | 18   | Yes       |
| 2. Juvenile        | 16   | Yes       |
| 3.                 |      |           |

**Details:** On 09/28/16 at 1720 Hours, Visalia Police responded to a call for service in the 600 Block of S. Sowell. Callers advised that a victim had been shot and the suspects fled in a vehicle. Patrol and Special Enforcement Officers responded to the scene. They located a victim who had sustained gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to an area hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries. Violent Crimes Detectives were called out to the scene to investigate the shooting.

After interviewing several witnesses, Violent Crimes Detectives and Special Enforcement Officers were able to identify Suspect Gutierrez as the person who shot the victim. They were also able to identify a Juvenile Suspect as the driver of the vehicle which fled the scene.

On 09/29/16 at 1515 Hours, Special Enforcement Officers and Violent Crimes Detectives located Suspect Gutierrez at a residence in the 400 Block of S. Valencia in Woodlake. Suspect Gutierrez was arrested without incident.

On 09/29/16 at 1800 Hours, SEU and VC served a search warrant on the Juvenile Suspect's residence in the 1400 Block of N. Mooney in Visalia. The Juvenile Suspect was located and arrested without incident.

Both suspects were interviewed and later booked into jail for Attempted Homicide and Gang Enhancements. The investigation is ongoing. This incident appears to be gang related.



Anyone with information is asked to contact Det. Bryan Somavia at (559) 713-4727 or information can be provided through CrimeStoppers at (559)498-STOP.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/SEU/VC Supervisor: Sgt. Kroeze