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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
June 12, 2017

VPD Report Number: 07-16720

Date/Time Occurred: 10/08/07 at 0018 hours

Type of Incident: Homicide

Location: 4300 Block of W. LaVida

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Vega, Alberto

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Yes

Details: On October 8, 2007 at 0018 hours, officers responded to a shots fired call in the 4300 Block of W. LaVida. While officers were responding, additional callers stated that a victim had been struck by gunfire and was injured. Upon arrival, officers located Victim Ralph Perez Jr (21 years old of Visalia) in the driveway of his residence with a gunshot wound. Victim Ralph Perez Jr was transported to KDMC but later died from his injuries. Violent Crimes Detectives were called out to the scene to take over the investigation.

Over the past nine years, the Violent Crimes Unit has continued to investigate this homicide. Numerous leads were investigated and several people were interviewed. The investigation revealed that Suspect Alberto Vega was one of the suspects responsible for the homicide. The case was also determined to be gang related. On June 8, 2017, the Tulare County District Attorney’s Office issued an arrest warrant for Suspect Vega for Homicide and Gang Enhancement.

On June 12, 2017, Violent Crimes Detectives were able to locate Suspect Vega in the City of Visalia. He was arrested without incident and later booked into Tulare County Jail for the warrant. Additional suspects are believed to be involved in this case. Detectives are asking anyone who may have information related to this incident to please contact Agent Andrew Swarthout at (559)713-4160.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol / Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Kroeze

