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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 17-101157 **Date/Time Occurred:** 12/03/17 1300 hours

Type of Incident: Residential Burglary **Location:** 2500 block of E. Beech

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Male Juvenile	17	Yes
2. Louis Valdez	20	Yes

Details: On 12/03/17 at 2000 hours, Patrol Officers responded to a residential burglary report call in the 2500 block of E. Beech. Officers discovered that unknown suspects forced entry and stole several guns, ammunition and other valuables from the residence while no one was home.

Property Crimes Detectives began a follow up investigation. Surveillance video showed several suspects commit the crime on 12/03/17 at approximately 1300 hours. Detectives were able to identify the listed suspects from the video. On 12/04/17 at 0900 hours, Property Crimes Detectives, with assistance from Fresno PD Officers, were able to arrest the juvenile suspect at a residence in the City of Fresno and recover one of the stolen handguns. The juvenile suspect was later booked into Juvenile Hall and is a Fresno Bulldog gang member.

On 12/04/17 at 1800 hours, detectives and members of the Fresno PD Metro MAGEC gang unit were able to obtain and serve a search warrant at two additional locations in the City of Fresno. Suspect Louis Valdez was found in possession of two additional stolen guns and stolen ammunition. He was later booked for Burglary, Gang Enhancement and other related charges and is also a Fresno Bulldog gang member.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact Det. Jeff Dowling at (559)713-4656.



****UPDATE****

As detectives continued this investigation, they were able to identify two additional suspects involved with this burglary. On 12/21/17, with assistance from State Parole, detectives arrested suspects Destiny Rico, 24 years of age, and Fernando Cancino, 34 years of age. Both suspects were located in Fresno County. Both were booked into jail for burglary, conspiracy and gang enhancement charges.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol, Property Crimes Supervisor: Sgt. D. Maurice