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Visalia Man Arrested in Firearms and Narcotics Investigation

On August 22, 2025, the Tulare Area Regional Gun Enforcement Team (TARGET), with assistance from the Visalia Police Department's Special Enforcement Bureau (SEU) and HOPE Team, conducted a surveillance operation in the 2600 block of South Kloth Avenue in Visalia. The residence belonged to 37-year-old Nadier Edward Batshon.

During the investigation, detectives learned that Batshon had five outstanding warrants for his arrest, was on Post Release Community Supervision for a prior conviction of bringing narcotics into a correctional facility (PC 4573) and had multiple felony convictions. He was taken into custody a few blocks from his home. A probation search of his residence revealed narcotics and ammunition in plain view, along with a large gun safe. Investigators then obtained a search warrant for the property. Inside the home, officers located a privately manufactured AR-15 style machine gun, a 9mm Smith & Wesson Shield pistol reported lost, a Benelli 12-gauge shotgun, multiple large and standard-capacity magazines, approximately 350 rounds of ammunition, and five grams of methamphetamine.

Batshon was arrested for possession of a machine gun, possession of firearms and ammunition by a convicted felon, possession of narcotics, violation of probation, and his outstanding warrants. He was booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Visalia.

The case will be forwarded to the Tulare County District Attorney's Office for review. Prosecutors will consider charges including possession of a machine gun, possession of firearms and ammunition by a convicted felon, possession of narcotics, and possession of a short-barrel rifle. This investigation remains ongoing.

