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Visalia PD HOPE Team Arrests Wanted Suspect and Uncovers Firearms, Drugs, and Illegal Lab in Goshen

Today, officers from the Visalia Police Department's HOPE Team successfully located and arrested 30-year-old Anthony LaBeef. He was wanted in connection with an assault involving a deadly weapon that took place earlier this morning. Due to the violent nature of the offense, officers had been actively working to locate him, and their efforts ultimately led to his arrest.

Following the arrest, officers served a search warrant at a residence in Goshen believed to be linked to his criminal activity. Inside the home, officers discovered multiple illegal items and signs of an active criminal operation. Among the evidence collected were two stolen firearms, several high-capacity magazines, and firearm conversion devices capable of turning guns into fully automatic weapons. Officers also found narcotics packaged for sale, an illegal Honey Oil (BHO) extraction lab, and an indoor marijuana grow.

LaBeef was transported to the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility and booked on several felony charges, including assault with a deadly weapon, possession of stolen firearms, felon in possession of a firearm, narcotics sales, and operating a BHO lab.

The Visalia Police Department emphasizes that the removal of dangerous individuals, illegal firearms, and narcotics from the community remains a top priority. This case highlights the importance of proactive policing and teamwork among specialized units like the HOPE Team and Narcotics Unit, whose ongoing efforts continue to make Visalia and the surrounding areas safer for all residents.

