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Parole Search in Visalia Leads to Arrest and Seizure of Ghost Gun, Ammunition, and Methamphetamine

Today, the Tulare Area Gun Violence Enforcement Team (TARGET), with assistance from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), the Visalia Police Department's Homeless Outreach and Proactive Enforcement (HOPE) Unit, and the Visalia Police Department Special Enforcement Unit (SEU), conducted a parole compliance search at a residence in the 2600 block of South Linda Vista Avenue in Visalia. The residence belongs to Michael Johnsen, who is currently on active CDCR parole.

Johnsen was contacted at the front door and arrested after officers found him in possession of methamphetamine. A search of the home led to the discovery of a privately manufactured "ghost" AR-15 rifle, a 9mm pistol, and approximately 300 rounds of ammunition.

Johnsen was transported and booked into the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Detention Facility on charges including felon in possession of firearms, felon in possession of ammunition, possession of an assault weapon, and possession of methamphetamine.

The public is encouraged to report any information regarding illegal firearm possession, sales, or manufacturing by calling the anonymous TARGET Tip-line at 559-713-4738.

