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15-Year-Old Arrested After Ghost AR-15 Recovered in Farmersville

On February 5, 2026, members of the Tulare County Agencies Regional Gun Violence Enforcement Team (TARGET), working alongside the Farmersville Police Department, served a search warrant in the 500 block of South Shasta Avenue in Farmersville.

During the search, officers recovered a privately manufactured “ghost” AR-15 rifle. As a result of the investigation, a 15-year-old juvenile was arrested.

The TARGET Task Force is made up of personnel from the California Department of Justice Bureau of Firearms, Visalia Police Department, Tulare County Sheriff’s Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The mission of TARGET is to combine resources from local, state, and federal agencies to reduce gun violence in Tulare County communities.

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

