



# Tulare Police Department

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## **Two Arrested After a Night of Robberies**

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*\*\*The following information is based on a preliminary, ongoing investigation which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records if available, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed\*\**

Two suspects were arrested in Tulare after committing robberies in Visalia and Tulare in the early morning hours. Arrested were 19 year old Cesar Chavez of Visalia and 21 year old Francisco Gonzalez of Woodlake.

Visalia Police Department had notified Tulare Police Department about several robberies they had within their city limits. Tulare Police were then dispatched to two robberies in the City of Tulare, 500 block of W. Inyo and 1000 block of S. Blackstone.

To assist in attempting to locate the suspect Visalia Police sent patrol officers to Tulare. Later a Tulare officer spotted the suspect vehicle near Cartmill and Mooney and conducted a traffic stop. The suspects were detained and evidence of the robberies was found inside the vehicle. A handgun, cash and other stolen property was recovered.

Detectives of both the Tulare Police Department and Visalia Police Department assisted in the investigation along with both departments' patrol divisions. The suspects were booked at the Tulare County Sheriff Pre-Trial Facility.



Fernando Gonzalez, 21



Cesar Chavez, 19

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to call the Tulare Police Department at any of the following numbers:

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