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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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VPD Report Number: 14-04938

Date/Time Occurred: 4/23/14 @ 2231 Hours

Type of Incident: Traffic Collision

Location: 3700 Blk of S. Mooney

Name of Business (if applicable):

Mattress Discounters

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Joe Gaxiola (Driver)

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no

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Details: On 4/23/14 @ 2231 Hours, Visalia Police responded to a reported traffic collision at the listed business. Upon arrival, Officers found that a vehicle had lost control southbound Mooney Blvd, collided into the front of the listed business and came to rest inside. The listed Driver was not injured. The collision caused major damage to exterior of the business and also damaged a moderate amount of inventory inside. No estimate to the amount of damage is available.

The investigation revealed that the listed Driver, and another vehicle, started to engage in a speed contest southbound Mooney Blvd at approximately Beech Ave. The vehicles reached estimated speeds of approximately 70 mph. In the area of Mooney south of Caldwell, the listed Driver lost control of his vehicle, drove through the landscaping and came to rest inside the business. The other vehicle engaged in the speed contest continued southbound Mooney Blvd and out of site. The second vehicle was only described as a Black Acura.

The case will be forwarded to the Tulare County District Attorney's Office for evaluation of charges related to the listed Driver. The follow up investigation will be conducted by the Visalia Police Department's Traffic Unit. Anyone with information about the incident or Black Acura is encouraged to contact the VPD Traffic Unit at (559)734-8117.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol Division

Supervisor: Sgt. Kroeze S159



