



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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VPD Report Number: 14- 6026

Date/Time Occurred: 5/17/14 1903

Type of Incident: Child Left in Vehicle

Location: 5203 W. Walnut

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

1. David Ruiz
- 2.
- 3.

Age:

33

Arrested:

Yes

Details: On today's date, Visalia Police Department Dispatch received several calls from citizens who were in the parking lot of Save Mart. The callers indicated that they had located an infant that was crying in the back seat of a locked vehicle. Officers arrived and located the child in the vehicle which had all the windows rolled up and doors locked. The outside temperature at the time was approximately 90 degrees. The infant appeared to be distressed due to the heat inside the vehicle so the window was broken and the infant removed and handed over to EMS for evaluation. The father of the child was contacted as he walked out of the market and questioned. After questioning the father of the child, Mark Ruiz was taken into custody and booked at Tulare County Main Jail for Child Endangerment. The child was evaluated by EMS and it was determined that he had suffered no residual effects of the heat. The infant was turned over to his mother.

Arresting / Investigating Officer:

Supervisor: J. Carr

