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NEWS RELEASE

October 15, 2014

VPD Report Number: 14-12624

Date/Time Occurred: 10-14-14 2037 hrs.

Type of Incident: Robbery, Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, False Identification, Parole Violation and Outstanding Warrants Arrest

Location: 1819 E. Noble

Name of Business (if applicable):

Wal-Mart

Suspect:

1. Matt David Thompson
- 2.
- 3.

Age:

29

Arrested:

Yes

Details: On 10-14-14 at 2037 hours, Officers responded to Wal-Mart, regarding a robbery that had just occurred. Prior to their arrival, the suspect was last seen fleeing the area on foot. Officers learned that the suspect had threatened store security with a weapon when they attempted to detain him for stealing merchandise.

At 2249 hours, Officers contacted the listed suspect in the area of Ben Maddox and E. Douglas who matched the description of the robbery suspect. The investigating Officer responded to that location and confirmed that he was in fact the suspect wanted in this case. The suspect was found with the weapon used during this crime. The suspect was also on active State Parole. The suspect was booked at the Tulare County Pre-trial Facility for robbery, possession of a dangerous weapon, false identification, parole violation and on outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. Paul Esquibel

