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NEWS RELEASE

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VPD Report Number: 15-01213

Date/Time Occurred: 01-27-2015

Type of Incident: Explosive Device

Location: 3111 S Mooney

Name of Business (if applicable):

Marshalls

Suspect:

1. WMA
- 2.
- 3.

Age:

UNK

Arrested:

No

Details: 01-27-2015 @ 1821 hours the Visalia Police Department and Visalia Fire Department Hazmat Unit responded to Marshalls on Mooney Blvd regarding a chemical explosive device. Investigation revealed a WMA in his early 30's placed an unknown type substance inside a green soda bottle causing a chemical reaction. The soda bottle was placed into a purse inside the above business. The chemical reaction inside the bottle caused the bottle cap to blow off causing a loud bang. The suspect then left the business out the emergency exit on the north side of the business. The suspect was seen carrying a bag believed to be store merchandise as he exited. It is believed the device was set off as a diversionary tactic. The business was evacuated and the explosive device removed. There were no reported injuries and the case is under investigation.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: L. Klascius

Supervisor: Sergeant Gary Williams

