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

January 30, 2015

VPD Report Number: 15-01213 ****UPDATE****

Date/Time Occurred: 01-27-2015

Type of Incident: Explosive Device

Location: 3111 S Mooney

Name of Business (if applicable):

Marshalls

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. MOCK, LARRY

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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.

*****UPDATE*****

An investigation into the robbery identified Larry Mock as the suspect. On January 28th, S/Mock failed to yield during an attempted traffic stop. A short pursuit was terminated by officers. S/Mock's vehicle was located immediately in the 1000 block of W. Reese. Inside the vehicle officers located evidence linking S/Mock to the Marshalls robbery and two similar chemical explosive devices. Visalia Fire Department Hazmat Unit responded to assist with the handling of the devices.

On January 29th at 11:55 pm, detectives located S/Mock inside a hotel room in Tulare, CA. S/Mock was arrested without incident and booked into the Tulare County Jail under charges of robbery, conspiracy, possession of materials with intent to make explosives, explosion with intent to injure or intimidate, evading a peace officer.



Arresting / Investigating Officer: Visalia PD

Supervisor: Sergeant A. Watkins

