



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**March 14, 2016**

**VPD Report Number:** 16-03778 / 16-03783

**Date/Time Occurred:** 3-13-16 / 2228 hours

**Type of Incident:** Auto theft (multiple counts), Pursuit, Hit and Run w/ injury, DUI with injury, Possession for Sale of Methamphetamine, Transportation of Methamphetamine, Resisting Arrest

**Location:** Cameron Avenue / Court Street

**Name of Business (if applicable):**

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. John Rodrigues

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Yes

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**Details:** On 3-13-16 at 2228 hours a patrol officer attempted to stop a stolen vehicle near Sowell and Tualre Avenue. A short pursuit ensued and the officer lost sight of the vehicle. Moments later, another officer located the vehicle near Cameron and Oak View. As the officers attempted to catch up to the stolen car, it collided head on with another vehicle at Cameron and Court Street. The driver of the stolen vehicle fled the scene of the collision on foot. A passenger in the stolen car and the driver of the other vehicle suffered minor injuries during the collision. A perimeter was established in the area and a police K-9 team began searching the area. After a lengthy search, John Rodrigues was located hiding in the backyard of a home on the 200 block of W. Loyola. (S) Rodrigues was found to be in possession of a quantity of methamphetamine for sale and was also found to be operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. (S) Rodrigues was taken to Kaweah Delta District Hospital for treatment of his injuries before being transported to the Adult Pre-Trial Facility. It was determined that (S) Rodrigues was actively being sought by the Tulare County Auto Theft Task Force (T-RATT) as a suspect involved in the theft of multiple other vehicles.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Klascius / Patrol

Supervisor: Jennings / McLain



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**Supervisor:**

