



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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VPD Report Number: 16-06254

Date/Time Occurred: 5/3/16 0725 hrs

Type of Incident: Officer Involved Shooting

Location: 2600 block E. Delta

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

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Details: On the listed date and time, the Visalia Police Department responded to the report of a disturbance at a residence in the 2600 block of E. Delta. Upon arrival, an officer had just exited his patrol vehicle when he was confronted by an adult male from this residence. The male suspect exited the home armed with a knife and advanced on the officer while still in the street in front of the residence. The officer gave the suspect several commands to drop the knife but the suspect refused. The officer then fired his handgun at the advancing suspect, striking him in the torso.

The suspect was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. The suspect has been identified as Raymond Hopper, 59 years old, of Visalia. The officer was uninjured. The Tulare County Sheriff's Office is conducting the criminal investigation into the incident. The investigation is continuing.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Patrol / TCSO

Supervisor: Sgt. D. Maurice

