



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**August 20, 2016**

**VPD Report Number:** 16-18825, 16-18798, 16-18815, 16-18820

**Date/Time Occurred:** 08-20-16 between 0927-1148 hrs

**Type of Incident:** Arson & Burglary Arrest

**Location:** 4207 W Noble, 140 S Akers, Tulare and Akers, and 6400 W. Walnut

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Spurlock, Charles
- 2.
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Yes

**Details:** On 08-20-16 at 0927 hours, officers responded to a report of a fire to a vacant building located at 4207 W Noble. The fire was extinguished when officers and personnel from the Visalia Fire Department arrived on scene.

At 1050 hours, officers responded to a report of a fire at the Fairfield Inn Hotel located at 140 S Akers. When officers arrived on scene, employees and guest were evacuated from the hotel. The fire was extinguished by personnel from the Visalia Fire Department. The description of a possible suspect was broadcasted to assisting police units. A hotel employee sustained a laceration to her hand trying to put out the fire.

At 1117 hours, officers and members of the Visalia Fire Department responded to a grass fire at Tulare and Akers. The fire was extinguished by personnel from the Visalia Fire Department.

At 1148 hours, as an officer was driving by the Trinity United Reformed Church located at 6400 W Walnut, he simultaneously heard an alarm sound from the church and saw a person running westbound from the church. This person matched the description of the possible suspect from the fire at the hotel. The suspect jumped several fences in an attempt to avoid being apprehended. A perimeter was established and the suspect was taken into custody in the backyard of a residence in the area of Savannah and Judy Street without incident.



Suspect was booked into the Tulare County Pre-trial facility on two counts of burglary and four counts of arson.

The vacant building on W Noble sustained approximately \$15,000 in damage. The Fairfield Inn hotel sustained approximately \$10,000 in damage. The grass fire caused approximately \$1,000 in damage. The church sustained \$15,000 in damage.

The investigation is being handled by the Property Crimes Unit.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** PC Unit Detectives/Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Paul Esquibel

