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

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VPD Report Number: 16-22721

Date/Time Occurred: 9/1/16 1500 hours

Type of Incident: Assault w/ a Deadly Weapon Arrest

Location: 900 Block of W. Orchard

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. David Robert Simoni
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Yes

Details: On the listed date and time, Visalia Police Department officers responded to the 900 block of W. Orchard for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers learned suspect Simoni and the victim, an adult male, have had an ongoing dispute for several months. Just before 1500 hours, the suspect and victim were in separate vehicles stopped at a red light at County Center and Caldwell. The suspect purposely backed into the victim's vehicle causing minor damage.

The victim and suspect continued the dispute eastbound Caldwell. The victim stopped his vehicle near Caldwell and Mooney while the suspect left the area. The victim then drove to the suspect's residence where another dispute occurred. The victim then began to leave the area in his vehicle when the suspect fired one round from a shotgun striking the rear of the victim's vehicle.

Suspect David Simoni was contacted at his residence and taken into custody without incident. Officers seized the shotgun used during this crime. Suspect Simoni was arrested and later booked into the Tulare County Pre Trial Facility for 2 counts of assault with a deadly weapon, and negligent discharge of a firearm. There were no injuries.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. D. Maurice



