



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**October 4, 2016**

**VPD Report Number:** 16-32384

**Date/Time Occurred:** 10-4-16 / 4:20 am

**Type of Incident:** Theft of Vehicle, Failure to Yield, Resisting Arrest , Carjacking

**Location:** 800 block of W. Wren

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Holt, Jason

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Yes

2. Leon-Ayon, Mario

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Yes

**Details:** On 10-4-16 at approximately 0420 hours, VPD patrol officers were dispatched to the 800 Block of W. Wren regarding a theft of a vehicle that just occurred. An officer located the stolen Toyota Camry at Jacob and Allen and attempted to make a traffic stop. The vehicle failed to stop and led the officer on a brief pursuit. The pursuit ended when the stolen vehicle struck the curb and came to rest on the lawn in front of the Redwood High School campus. Both suspects ran from the stolen vehicle and hid on the high school campus. A perimeter was established and a VPD K-9 unit was called to the scene. After a lengthy search, both suspects were located by the K-9 unit and taken into custody.

It was later determined both suspects were found to be responsible for an armed carjacking that occurred in Porterville approximately six hours earlier. Suspect Leon-Ayon sustained minor injuries during the arrest. He was treated and released from a local hospital. Both suspects were later turned over to the Porterville Police Department. The stolen Toyota Camry was recovered and returned to the owner.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** VPD Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Chris Jennings

