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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
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VPD Report Number: 17-49158

Date/Time Occurred: 6/19/17 1452 hours

Type of Incident: Brandishing a Firearm / Attempted Carjacking / Auto Theft arrest

Location: 1100 block of S. Mooney Blvd.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Shiekh Shoes

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Unidentified male
- 2.
- 3.

Yes

Details: On the listed date and time, officers responded to Shiekh Shoes on Mooney Blvd for a suspect brandishing a handgun at employees. The suspect fled in a black Honda Civic prior to police arrival. As the suspect vehicle fled it caught fire at Akers and Mineral King and came to a stop in a nearby Pizza Hut parking lot.

The suspect attempted to steal an unoccupied vehicle and also attempted to carjack an occupied vehicle at gunpoint at this parking lot but was unsuccessful. The suspect fled the area on foot and stole a pickup truck in the area of Hurley and Linwood. A nearby CHP officer attempted to stop this vehicle and a short pursuit began. The stolen vehicle became disabled in a field near Goshen and Shirk and the suspect was taken into custody.

The firearms used in this incident were replicas. The vehicle which caught fire was reported stolen out of Fresno, CA. The suspect is being treated at Kaweah Medical Center. Detectives are continuing this investigation including identifying the suspect.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Patrol / CHP

Supervisor: Sgt. D. Maurice

