



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**July 2, 2017**

**VPD Report Number:** 17-53157  
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**Type of Incident:** Armed Robbery

**Date/Time Occurred:** July 2, 2017 at 1303 hrs  
July 2, 2017 at 1318 hrs

**Location:** 500 Blk N. Floral  
4500 W. Cypress

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

**Suspect:**

- 1. Unknown
- 2.
- 3.

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

**Details:** On 07-02-17 we had two armed robberies 15 minutes apart from each other. The first occurred at 1303 hours in the 500 Blk of N. Floral. Two unknown Hispanic Male Adults armed with handguns approached 3 elderly Victims on foot as they were getting out of a vehicle. Suspects demanded money from the Victims. Victims complied with the Suspects demands and they fled with an unknown amount of currency. The second occurred at 1318 hours in the 4600 Blk of W. Cypress. Two elderly Victims were in separate vehicles and were about to get out of their vehicles when a Hispanic Male Adult armed with a handgun approached them on foot. Suspect contacted the first Victim and demanded money from her. After she told him she didn't have any, Suspect walked to the second Victim who was parked in the adjacent parking stall and demanded money from her. Suspect forcefully pulled on the strap from the Victim's purse which was around her arm and ran off with it in an unknown direction. This Victim sustained an abrasion to her left arm.

We believe both cases are related. We ask everyone to always be vigilant of their surroundings at all times. Anyone with information regarding these incidents are asked to contact the Visalia Police Department at 559-734-8116.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Paul Esquibel

