



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

August 16, 2017

VPD Report Number: 17-62694

Date/Time Occurred: 8/2/2017 at 1807 hrs.

Type of Incident: Attempted Homicide, Gang Enhancement

Location: 2020 N. Dinuba (Circle 7)

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

- 1. Pineda, Lorenzo
- 2. Pineda, Jorge
- 3.

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- No
- Yes

Details: On the listed date and time, Officers responded to 2020 N. Dinuba regarding a shooting which had just occurred. Upon arrival, Officers located an adult male suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Kaweah Delta District Hospital and is currently being treated. No other injuries were reported. Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit were called to the scene and have taken over the investigation.

UPDATE - 08/16/17

Violent Crimes Detectives and Special Enforcement Officers responded to the scene of this shooting and took over the investigation. The investigation showed that the victim had a verbal argument inside the business with Suspect Lorenzo Pineda and Suspect Jorge Pineda. During the argument, Suspect Lorenzo Pineda pulled out a handgun and shot multiple rounds at the victim outside the business. Both suspects fled from the scene prior to officer's arrival.

The victim was transported to a local hospital where he is still listed in critical condition. The incident is believed to be gang related.



On 08/02/17 at 2300 hours, SEU Officers located the suspect's getaway vehicle at a residence in the 2300 Block of N. Locust. On 08/03/17 at 1230 hours, the VPD SWAT Team served a search warrant at the residence. Both suspects were not at the location however evidence was recovered which linked both suspects to the shooting.

On 08/08/17, Suspect Jorge Pineda was located and arrested. He was interviewed and later booked into Tulare County Jail for 3 counts of Attempted Homicide, Gang Enhancement and other charges.

On 08/15/17, the Tulare County District Attorney's Office issued a warrant for the arrest of Suspect Lorenzo Pineda for 3 counts of Attempted Homicide, Gang Enhancement, and other related charges.

Currently, the Visalia Police Department has been unable to locate Suspect Lorenzo Pineda. His whereabouts are unknown however he is known to frequent the City of Visalia and several surrounding communities. The gun used in this shooting is still outstanding and he is considered armed and dangerous. VC Detectives are asking for anyone who has information as to Suspect Lorenzo Pineda's location to please contact Det. Mona Whaley at (559)713-4211 or anonymous tips can be provided through Valley CrimeStoppers at (559)498-STOP. A monetary reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of Suspect Lorenzo Pineda.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol / VC/ SEU

Supervisor: Sgt. K. Kroeze

