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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
December 8, 2017

VPD Report Number: 17-90039

Date/Time Occurred: 10/28/17 1145

Type of Incident: Assault With a Deadly Weapon

Location: 1832 E. Main St.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Dimples Diner

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

- 1. Henley-Mesa, Eric
- 2. Unknown
- 3.

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Yes

Details: On 10/28/17 at approximately 1145 hours, officers responded to Dimples Diner for a report of a theft and shots fired. Officers learned two suspects entered the business taking multiple fundraising containers from the counter. The suspects then fled to a nearby vehicle while being chased by patrons of the business. As the suspects drove away a handgun was discharged multiple times in the direction of the patrons. The vehicle was located a short time later with the assistance of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office. No injuries were reported. The investigation is on-going. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Visalia Police Department at 559-734-8117.

*******UPDATE*******

The VPD Violent Crimes Unit was assigned the investigation and was able to identify Eric Henley-Meza as the shooter. On 12/08/17 at 0950 hours, VPD's Special Enforcement Unit arrested Henley-Mesa without incident at a residence in the 1100 blk N. Stover, Visalia. Henley-Mesa was booked at the Tulare County Jail for several counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Firearm) and other charges. The investigation is on-going.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VC/SEU

Supervisor: Sgt Randy Lentzner



