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

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VPD Report Number: 18-000334

Date/Time Occurred: 01/02/18 at 0351 hours

Type of Incident: Vehicle Burglary

Location: 600 block of E. Oakridge

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Nicholas Wilkerson
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yes

Details: On 01/02/2018 at 0351 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 600 Block of E Oakridge in regards to a vehicle burglary that resulted in a shooting. Patrol Officers arrived on scene and discovered Nicholas Wilkerson had been shot by the owner of the vehicle. He was transported to Kaweah Delta Medical Center for treatment.

The Violent Crimes Unit was contacted to take over the investigation. After contacting numerous witnesses, the investigation revealed that Suspect Wilkerson was burglarizing a vehicle parked on the driveway of the residence. He was then confronted by the homeowner who was armed with a gun. The confrontation escalated and the homeowner discharged a firearm striking Suspect Wilkerson one time. The injury was non-life threatening.

The incident is currently being investigated by the Violent Crimes Unit. Anyone with information is asked to contact Det. Henry Martinez at (559)713-4156.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/ Crime Lab/ Violent Crimes **Supervisor:** Sgt. Kroeze

