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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 18-000326

Date/Time Occurred: 1-2-18 / 0200 hrs.

Type of Incident: Assault on a Peace Officer w/ injury, Resisting Arrest w/ Violence, Attempt to take Officer's Gun.

Location: Best Western Hotel
9300 W. Airport Drive, Visalia

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Omar Almaguer	28	Yes
2.		
3.		

Details: On 1-2-18 at approximately 0200 hours, VPD patrol officers were dispatched to the Best Western Hotel near the Visalia Airport to check on the welfare of a man acting strangely. Officers arrived and were unable to locate the subject so they left the scene. A short time later, officers were asked to return to the lobby of the Best Western Hotel after an employee called to report the man returned and was refusing to leave the establishment. When the first officer arrived, the employee was so upset by the man's behavior that he locked the man in the lobby and fled from the hotel. The officer entered the hotel lobby and made contact with 28 year old Omar Almaguer who was standing in an elevator. When the officer asked Almaguer to walk outside, he attacked the officer. The officer fought with Almaguer for several minutes before back-up officers could arrive. Once a back-up officer arrived, they were forced to use an impact weapon and a taser to subdue the man after he attempted to remove an officer's firearm from it's holster. The suspect was taken to Kaweah Delta Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries sustained during the attack on the officers. One officer suffered an injury to his hand and was treated at the hospital and released. (S) Almaguer was booked at the Adult Pre-Trial Facility for the above listed charges after being treated at the hospital.