



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***

**January 2, 2018**

**VPD Report Number:** 18-000315

**Date/Time Occurred:** 1/1/18 2345 hours

**Type of Incident:** Impersonating a police officer

**Location:** Mooney and Cartmill, Tulare, CA

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Brandon Freeman

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Yes

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**Details:** On the listed date and time, an off duty Visalia Police Department sergeant was driving his personal vehicle in the area of Mooney and Cartmill near the City of Tulare. A 2008 white Buick sedan pulled behind him and attempted a traffic stop on the sergeant's personal vehicle by activating a red light attached to this vehicle. The sergeant continued towards Visalia and coordinated a stop on this private vehicle with marked VPD police vehicles. The driver, Brandon Freeman, was interviewed and arrested for impersonating an officer and other charges. A passenger in this vehicle was also arrested and booked into jail for outstanding felony warrants. The Visalia Police Department would like to remind the public of these types of events and, when possible, stop in well-lit populated areas and request identification from law enforcement officials.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** VPD Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. D. Maurice

