



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**March 19, 2018**

**VPD Report Number:** 18-24318

**Date/Time Occurred:** 3/18/18 at approx. 2154

**Type of Incident:** Robbery

**Location:** 800 Blk of W. Robin

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

**Suspect:**

1. Soto, Michael
- 2.
- 3.

**Age:**

45

**Arrested:**

YES

**Details:**

On 3/18/18 at approximately 2154 hours officers with the Visalia Police Department Patrol Division were dispatched to the 800 block of W. Robin for a robbery that had just occurred. Upon arrival it was learned that the suspect had approached the victim, who was seated in her car. Upon doing so the suspect opened the car door and demanded money. When the victim refused the suspect grabbed the victim's purse and ran from the area. During a search of the area officers located the victim's property on a canal bank. Upon expanding the search area officers located 45 year old Michael Soto who was identified as the suspect who committed the robbery. Soto was booked for robbery charges at the Tulare County Adult Pre-trial facility.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Curtis Brown

