



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
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VPD Report Number: 18-27894

Date/Time Occurred: 3/29/18 at approx. 2:32 PM

Type of Incident: Multiple Vehicle Traffic Collision -
DUI- HIT and RUN Arrest

Location: Visalia Police Department Headquarters -
Parking Lot - Stevenson at Acequia

Name of Business (if applicable):

Visalia Police Department

Suspect:

1. Tod Lawrence Payne
- 2.
- 3.

Age:

51

Arrested:

YES

Details:

Today at approximately 2:32 PM, the Visalia Police Department received information that a vehicle collided into Visalia Police Department parked vehicles in the parking lot behind the Visalia Police Department Headquarters and then attempted to flee. Upon officers arriving, 51 year old Tod Payne, of Santa Barbara, was found in the driver seat of a Cadillac CTS sedan that had extensive front-end collision damage. Payne was the sole occupant of the vehicle and was still attempting to flee in the vehicle. Officers were able to place the vehicle into park and to detain Payne. Payne was found to be extremely intoxicated. The investigation revealed he drove into the parking lot, collided into 4 parked Visalia Police Department vehicles and then into a 5th vehicle belonging to a private party, before being detained. The suspect was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial facility for DUI and Hit and Run.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Lt. Candido Alvarez

