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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
May 2, 2018

VPD Report Number: 18-039026

Date/Time Occurred: 5-2-18 / 1657 hrs

Type of Incident: Driving Under the Influence /
Resisting Arrest

Location: 3100 blk W. Noble

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Lopez, Steve Anthony
- 2.
- 3.

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Yes

Details: On 5-2-18 at approximately 4:57 PM, an officer attempted a traffic stop near the intersection of County Center and Campus streets. The driver, 39 year old Steve Lopez, parked the vehicle in the parking lot at the shopping center in this area and fled from the vehicle on foot. He then ran into the nearby Pizza Factory restaurant. While in the business, Lopez barricaded himself inside one of the restrooms. As a precautionary measure, customers were evacuated.

He was ultimately apprehended with the assistance of a police canine. Lopez was transported to Kaweah Delta Hospital to be treated for his injuries. Lopez was booked into the Tulare County Pretrial Facility for Driving Under the Influence and Resisting Arrest.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/K9

Supervisor: Sgt. Gerrit De Jong

