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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
May 15, 2018

VPD Report Number: 18-043243

Date/Time Occurred: May 15th, 2018 at 3:40 PM

Type of Incident: Assault on a Police K9, Battery on a Police Officer, Hit and Run, and Prowling

Location: Laurel and Bridge

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Dean Carpenter
- 2.
- 3.

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Yes

Details: On May 15, 2018, at approximately 3:40 PM, officers were dispatched to traffic accident near Garden and Tulare. While officers were responding to the scene the driver, Dean Carpenter, attempted to flee the scene and fought with citizens attempting to detain him. At one point, Carpenter attempted to flee into a nearby apartment but was prevented from making entry by the tenant. Upon arrival, officers worked with citizens to pin point the area where carpenter was last seen running. The suspect was located while searching the backyard of a residence near Bridge and Laurel with the assistance of a police K9. Upon attempting to detain Carpenter, he assaulted the police K9 and one officer. Carpenter was eventually taken into custody and booked at the Tulare County Pretrial Facility for Assault on a Police K9, Battery on a Police Officer, Hit and Run, and Prowling. Washington Elementary was placed on lock down as a precaution during this incident.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Traffic Unit/K9 Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Ford

