



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**August 17, 2018**

**VPD Report Number:** 18-071353

**Date/Time Occurred:** August 12, 2018 at 2:30 PM

**Type of Incident:** Child Abuse Resulting in Great Bodily Injury

**Location:** 1400 block of East Sunnyview

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Darlene Valdovinos-Aguilera

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Yes

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**Details:** On August 12th, 2018 at approximately 2:30 PM, Officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of E. Sunnyview for an 18-month-old child that was unresponsive as a result of a fall that occurred. The injuries observed on the child did not appear consistent with what was described by the Foster Mother, Darlene Valdovinos-Aguilera. The child was subsequently transported to Kaweah Delta Medical Center and later transferred to Valley Children's Hospital. A joint investigation by the Valley Children's Child Abuse team and Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Unit led to the determination that these life-threatening injuries were the result of child abuse inflicted by Darlene Valdovinos-Aguilera. On August 17th, Darlene Valdovinos-Aguilera was taken into custody and later booked at the Tulare County Pretrial Facility for Child Abuse related charges. Six other children were removed from the residence by Tulare County Child Welfare Services. None of these additional children are believed to be victims of child abuse.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Det. Somavia

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Ford



