



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**February 3, 2019**

**VPD Report Number:** 19-009234

**Date/Time Occurred:** 2/2/19 2128 hours

**Type of Incident:** Failure to Yield/Reckless Driving

**Location:** Mooney/Whitendale

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. David Lastra

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Yes

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**Details:** On 2/2/19 at 2128 hours, a patrol officer observed a vehicle driving recklessly in a parking lot at Mooney/Whitendale. When the officer attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle, the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed, nearly striking multiple people. A short pursuit ensued until the driver, David Lastra, finally yielded at Whitendale/County Center. Lastra was arrested and booked for Reckless Driving and Failure to Yield to an Emergency Vehicle.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. M. Verissimo, S36

