



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**April 21, 2019**

**VPD Report Number:** 19-32095

**Date/Time Occurred:** 4-21-19 / 1608 hours

**Type of Incident:** Hit and Run Traffic Collision and  
Assault w/ Deadly Weapon (handgun)

**Location:** Jacob / Murray

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Unknown

2.

**Details:** On Sunday, 4-21-19 at about 4:08 PM, officers were dispatched to the intersection of Jacob and Murray regarding a traffic collision with a power pole down and live wires crossing the street. When officers arrived, they were directed to a 2007 black Chevrolet Avalanche that came to rest in the back yard of a residence on the 800 block of W. Murray, after crashing through a power pole and a fence. Officers contacted several witnesses who said a man exited the truck with a handgun in this hand and began running south along the sidewalk. As the man was running, he dropped his gun, and as he picked it up, he pointed it directly at a man and a woman before fleeing into the neighborhood on foot. Officers set up a perimeter and attempted to locate the suspect with the help of a police K-9, with negative results. Evidence at the scene was collected and will be analyzed by our crime lab. The investigation into this matter was turned over to the Violent Crimes Unit. The Visalia Fire Department responded to assist Southern California Edison with the downed power lines. There were no reported injuries during this incident. Anyone with information is asked to call the Violent Crimes Unit at 559-713-4729.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Chris Jennings



