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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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VPD Report Number: 19-047887

Date/Time Occurred:

Type of Incident: Aasault with a Deadly Weapon
(vehicle) on an Officer / Pursuit Arrest

Location: S Kloth/ E Ashland, Visalia

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Eduardo Galeana Mendoza

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Yes

2. Kevin Esquibel

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Yes

Details: This afternoon Special Enforcement Unit officers attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle driving on the wrong side of the roadway at S Kloth and Ashland. The vehicle failed to yield and turned into a cul-de-sac. The vehicle stopped at the end of the cul-de-sac where the passenger, Kevin Esquibel, exited the vehicle and fled on foot. He was quickly apprehended by one of the officers. An officer approached the front of the vehicle to contact the driver, but the driver pulled out toward the officer. The officer had to move out of the way to avoid being struck by the vehicle. The vehicle struck the officer's arm; however, the officer was not injured. The vehicle fled the scene with the officer in pursuit. The vehicle drove southbound Santa Fe at speeds between 60 to 80 mph. The vehicle failed to stop at the t-intersection at Santa Fe and Ave 272. It drove through a fence and stalled out in a field. The driver, Eduardo Galeana Mendoza, ran from the vehicle, but was apprehended by the officer.

Mendoza was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon (vehicle) on the officer, felony evading, and resisting arrest. Esquibel for arrested for resisting arrest and a felony warrant. Both were booked at the Tulare County Jail.



Arresting / Investigating Officer: SEU

Supervisor: Sergeant Randy Lentzner

