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

May 29, 2019

VPD Report Number: 19-043285

Date/Time Occurred: 5-28-19, 1839 hrs

Type of Incident: Arson, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Arrest

Location: Alleyway E/O Church, S/O Main

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Jose Villegas

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Yes

2.

Details: On 5-28-19, at approximately 1839 hrs, officers responded to the alleyway east of Church between Main and Acequia regarding a possible structure fire. The fire was to a large grease container next to businesses, and was being extinguished by fire personnel as officers arrived. The suspect, Jose Villegas was observed by a witness setting the fire. He was located nearby and taken into custody without incident. Damage was minor, and the suspect was transported and booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial facility for charges of Arson, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and an unrelated misdemeanor warrant. No injuries as a result of this incident.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. Pree

