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

July 21, 2019

VPD Report Number: 19-060034

Date/Time Occurred: 7-21-19/ 0115 hrs.

Type of Incident: Attempt Carjacking/Brandishing
Firearm

Location: Giddings/Mary

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Nichols, Paul

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Yes

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Details: On 7-21-19 at 0115 hrs. officers were dispatched to a report of an attempted carjacking at the intersection of Giddings and Mary. While enroute, the victim informed dispatch that he was approaching the stop sign when a male suspect jumped out from behind a street light pole, pointed a shotgun at him, and demanded that he exit his vehicle. The victim was able to drive away from the scene and contact the police department. While officers were still responding, a second reporting party contacted dispatch and advised that the same male suspect was now knocking on their front door and holding a shotgun. Officers arrived on scene and took the suspect, later identified as Paul Nichols, into custody without incident. The shotgun was retrieved at the front door of the second reporting party. (S)- Nichols was booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility on the listed charges. There were no injuries during this incident.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. Mike Short



