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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
March 28, 2019

VPD Report Number: 19-025083

Date/Time Occurred: 3/28/19 1619 hours

Type of Incident: Battery, Vandalism, Resisting Arrest

Location: Tulare/Santa Fe

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Ernesto Sanchez

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Yes

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Details: On 3/28/19 at 1619 hours, a City of Visalia Code Enforcement Officer attempted to contact an individual who had set up a pop-up phone service tent on city property at Tulare/Santa Fe. The suspect, Ernesto Sanchez, became irate and started threatening the Code Enforcement Officer and throwing items at him. The suspect then struck the hood of the Code Enforcement vehicle with a hammer, causing a large dent. As the suspect continued to try and get to the officer, the officer was forced to deploy pepper spray to prevent a further attack. A marked VPD police unit pulled up to assist and (S) Sanchez threw a backpack at the officers and then ran. After a foot chase, the suspect was apprehended. No injuries were reported. (S) was booked for Battery, Vandalism, and Resisting Arrest.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Code Enforcement/Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. M. Verissimo, S36

