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

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VPD Report Number: 20-005254

Date/Time Occurred: 1/19/2020 1341 hours

Type of Incident: Robbery arrest

Location: Rinaldi/Elowin

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Cassandra Smith

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Yes

2. Wesley Epler

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Yes

Details: On the listed date and time, Visalia Police Department officers responded to a report of a robbery in the area of Rinaldi and Elowin. Officers learned a female adult victim was walking in this area when a male and female known to her stopped their vehicle, exited, and began assaulting her. The victim was struck with a metal object and robbed of personal belongings. The victim sustained minor injuries and declined medical attention. The suspects fled to a nearby residence in the 1400 block of N. Giddings.

Officers located and arrested both suspects at this location. The victim's stolen property was also located and returned to her. Both suspects were booked into jail for robbery charges. Smith also had an outstanding arrest warrant. The motive for this crime is unknown and under investigation. The victim sustained minor injuries and declined medical attention.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. D. Maurice

