



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
March 4, 2020

VPD Report Number: 20-018113

Date/Time Occurred: March 3, 2020 at 7:41 PM

Type of Incident: Attempted Murder / Felony Elder Abuse / Parole Violation

Location: 3600 Block of W. Noble Ave.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Hector Antonio Perez Rios

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Yes

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Details: On March 3, 2020 at 7:41 PM, officers were dispatched to the 3600 block of W. Noble Ave. regarding a fight in progress. When officers arrived they located an 87 year-old man lying in the street, unresponsive. The victim had suffered a significant head injury and was transported to an area hospital where he is listed in critical condition. Witnesses identified Hector Antonio Perez Rios, of Visalia, as the person who committed this crime. Rios was found a short distance from the scene and was taken into custody without incident. It was learned Rios began punching the elderly male for no apparent reason, causing the victim to fall in the street. The suspect walked away briefly, only to return within seconds to kick the victim in the head. The motive for this incident is unknown. (S) Rios was found to be on active CDC parole. He was transported to the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility where he was booked for the above listed charges. The Violent Crimes Unit will be following up on this case. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Violent Crimes Unit at 559-734-8117.

*******UPDATE*******

After further investigation by Detectives assigned to the Violent Crimes Unit, the charges were amended from Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Elder Abuse to Attempted Murder and Felony Elder Abuse along with the Parole Violation. The age of the suspect was also corrected to reflect 23 years old.



Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/ Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Jennings/Sgt.
Verissimo

