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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
May 18, 2020

VPD Report Number: 20-041121

Date/Time Occurred: 05/18/2020 at 0144 hours

Type of Incident: Firearm Arrest

Location: N. Turner St. / W. Harold Ave , Visalia, Ca

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Chavez, Mario

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YES

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Details: On May 18th, 2020 at approximately 0144 hours an officer with the Visalia Police Department Patrol Division conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of N. Turner Street and W. Harold Ave in the City of Visalia. Upon stopping an occupant fled on foot and was taken into custody following a short foot pursuit. Following the arrest a loaded handgun was discovered on the suspect's person. The suspect in this case was identified as Mario Chavez (18) of Visalia. Chavez is an active northern gang member. Further investigation also revealed that the firearm was reported stolen in Houston, Texas in June of 2019. Chavez was booked into the Tulare County Adult Pretrial Facility for firearms related charges, possession of stolen property, and resisting arrest.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. Curtis Brown

