



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**May 19, 2020**

**VPD Report Number:** 20-041611

**Date/Time Occurred:** 5-19-20/ 1511 hrs.

**Type of Incident:** Poss. of Methamphetamine/ Failure to Yield

**Location:** Linwood/Meadow

**Name of Business (if applicable):**

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Dewitt, Richard

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Yes

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**Details:** On 5-19-20 at 1511 hrs. Officers with the Special Enforcement Unit were working enforcement in the area of Linwood/Walnut. They attempted a traffic stop on (S) Richard Dewitt, however, he failed to yield and continued northbound on Linwood. (S) Dewitt continued at the speed limit and began throwing bindles of narcotics out the driver's side window. (S) Dewitt finally stopped at the intersection of Linwood and Meadow where he was taken into custody. Officers located approx. 10 grams of methamphetamine on the roadway and inside the vehicle. (S) Dewitt was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility on multiple charges including possession of methamphetamine, failure to yield, and an outstanding warrant.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** S.E.U.

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Mike Short

