



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**September 8, 2020**

**VPD Report Number:** 20-075796

**Date/Time Occurred:** 09/05/2020 @ 0300 Hours

**Type of Incident:** DUI Collision with Injuries

**Location:** Santa Fe / Tulare

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Matthew Lopez

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YES

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**Details:** 20-075786 / 09-05-2020 @0300 hours

DUI Collision with injuries - Santa Fe S/of Tulare - Single Vehicle -v- Tree

Patrol Officers respond to a single vehicle collision and find a white Chrysler 300 N/B Santa Fe has collided with a parked vehicle on the west side of the road. The Chrysler driven by Lopez then crosses the road and collides with a tree. 5 additional passengers were in the Chrysler, and all were transported for medical attention. 3 were treated and released, 2 remain hospitalized for serious injuries. Driver Lopez was arrested for DUI causing injury. He was booked after medical clearance. Speed was also a factor in the collision.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol Division

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Feller

