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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
January 10, 2021

VPD Report Number: 20-110776

Date/Time Occurred: 12/31/2020 at 11:00 PM

Type of Incident: Shooting at a business

Location: 100 Block W. Walnut

Name of Business (if applicable):

Prince Food and Gas

Suspect:

Hernandez, Rene

Age:

45

Arrested:

Yes

Details: On 12/31/2020, at 11:00 PM, officers responded to the Prince Food and Gas located at the 100 block of west Walnut for a report of a fight in progress and shots fired into a business. No one was injured during the incident and the suspect was unknown.

*****Case Update*****

During the course of this investigation, officers developed information leading to the identity of the suspect. Rene Hernandez was identified as the suspect in this case. On 01/09/2021, at 5:00 PM, officers conducted a traffic stop at the 500 block of south Church. During that traffic stop officers obtained information leading to location of Rene Hernandez. Rene Hernandez was contacted at his residence and taken into custody without incident. Rene Hernandez was booked into the Tulare Pretrial Facility for attempted homicide, assault with a deadly weapon, felon in possession of firearm and felon in possession of ammunition.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol, Violent Crimes

Supervisor: Sgt. J.Cummings

