



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Jason Salazar, Chief of Police*

Sergeant Celestina Sanchez, Public Information Officer  
(559) 713-4216 (office) / (559) 713-4807 (fax)  
celeste.sanchez@visalia.city

\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*

January 20, 2021

**VPD Report Number:** 21-005314

**Date/Time Occurred:** 1-20-21 / 0135 hours

**Type of Incident:** Robbery, Possession of a  
Controlled Substance

**Location:** 1375 E. Mineral King Ave.

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

Speedway

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Noel Contreras

29

Yes

2.

**Details:** On 1-20-21 at approximately 0135 hours, the Visalia Police Department responded to 1375 E. Mineral King (Speedway) for a report of a robbery. Suspect Noel Contreras entered into the store, selected several items, and began to open them. An employee asked Suspect Contreras to leave the store and he then threatened to physically assault the employee. Suspect Contreras fled the store and was detained by officers arriving on scene. Suspect Contreras was found to be in possession of stolen items from Speedway and was in possession of a controlled substance. Suspect Contreras was taken into custody and later booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. A. Alvarez

