



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**February 2, 2021**

**VPD Report Number:** 21-009106

**Date/Time Occurred:** 2-1-21 / 2247 hours

**Type of Incident:** Driving Under the Influence Traffic Collision, Resisting/Delaying/Obstructing an Officer, Battery on Emergency Personnel, and Parole Hold

**Location:** Demaree and Caldwell

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

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Melvin Pace
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Yes

**Details:** On 2-1-21 at approximately 2247 hours the Visalia Police Department responded to a report of an injury traffic collision at Demaree and Caldwell. Suspect Melvin Pace with eastbound on Caldwell when he ran a red light, collided into a vehicle that was northbound Demaree making a westbound turn, and caused that vehicle to collide into an additional vehicle that was also northbound Demaree. Suspect Pace was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. Suspect Pace was taken to KDMC for medical treatment where he resisted officers and assaulted medical staff. Parole placed a parole hold on (S) Pace and he was later booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility. One involved party of the traffic collision was transported to KDMC for minor injury and the other involved party reported no injury.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. A. Alvarez

