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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

February 28, 2021

VPD Report Number: 21-017341

Date/Time Occurred: 2-27-21 / 2232 hours

Type of Incident:

Location: 300 E. Acequia Ave.

- Assault with Deadly Weapon
- Shooting in Occupied Structure
- Negligent Discharge
- Resisting/Delaying/Obstructing an Officer
- Felon Possession of a Firearm
- Felon Possession of Ammo
- Possession Loaded Firearm in Public
- Carrying Concealed Firearm
- Remove Serial Number from Firearm

Name of Business (if applicable):

Parking Structure

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Alex Salazar Jr.
- 2.

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Yes

Details: On 2-27-21 at approximately 2232 hours Patrol officers as well as Special Enforcement Unit officers that were working a downtown detail responded to a report of shots fired in the parking structure located at 300 E. Acequia Ave. Officers discovered that Suspect Alex Salazar Jr. had been involved in a confrontation with several subjects at a downtown establishment. Suspect Salazar went to his vehicle that was parked on the second floor of the parking structure where he was involved in a second altercation with the same subjects. While inside his vehicle, Suspect Salazar grabbed his firearm and had a negligent discharge. The involved subjects fled and Suspect Salazar was contacted by a downtown security guard. Suspect Salazar pointed his firearm at the security guard and fired two rounds in the security guard's direction. The security guard was able to take the firearm away from the suspect and when officers arrived on scene Suspect Salazar fled the scene on foot. After a brief foot chase Suspect Salazar was



taken into custody and later booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility. The security guard had no injuries as a result of this incident.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/SEU

Supervisor: Sgt. A. Alvarez

