



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**March 1, 2021**

**VPD Report Number:** 21-017784

**Date/Time Occurred:** March 1, 2021 at 0952 hours

**Type of Incident:** Felon in Possession of a Loaded  
Firearm & Resisting Arrest

**Location:** 1400 Block of N. Locust

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

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Jeremiah Michael Velasquez

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Yes

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**Details:** On March 1, 2021 at 0952 hours Visalia Police Department Patrol Officers were dispatched to the report of subjects trespassing and possibly using narcotics inside a vacant residence in the 1400 block of N. Locust. The caller also advised that one of the subjects may possibly have a warrant and requested the assistance of the Visalia Police Department. Once officers arrived on scene, they contacted a Jeremiah Velasquez in the backyard of the residence. As the officers went to check Velasquez for weapons, they observed a handgun in his waistband. Velasquez then fled on foot. A perimeter was set up and Velasquez was observed running into the backyard of a residence in the 100 block of W. Sweet. Several announcements were given to Velasquez to surrender, which were met with negative results. A Police K9 conducted a search of the backyard and indicated Velasquez was hiding under the residence. After additional announcements, Velasquez exited a crawl space from under the residence peacefully and was taken into custody without further incident. A loaded firearm was located in the area Velasquez had originally fled from. Velasquez was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trail Facility. No injuries to the suspect or officers.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Nate Flaws



