



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

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VPD Report Number: 21-026626

Date/Time Occurred: 03/31/2021 at 1:19 p.m.

Type of Incident: Officer Involved Shooting

Location: 1200 block of N. Conyer Street

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Hispanic Male Adult

27

2.

Details: On March 31, 2021 at 1:19 p.m., the Visalia Police Department received a call of a family disturbance in the 1200 block of N. Conyer Street. The caller reported a 27-year-old relative was threatening family members and he was armed with a knife. When the first officer arrived on scene, he was confronted by the individual with a knife as he charged towards the officer. The officer attempted to gain the individual's compliance, but the subject refused to obey the officer's orders. The male continued to charge at the officer while still holding the knife, in an attempt to attack the officer. The officer fired several shots, striking the subject several times. The subject fell to the ground and officers immediately rendered first aid. The subject was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Through follow-up investigation, it was determined this morning at approximately 3:00 a.m., the Visalia Police Department received a call at the same location regarding very similar circumstances. The officers contacted the same individual during this call for service and he was taken into custody without incident. The subject was booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility and was later released from custody and returned to the residence.

The name of the subject is not being released at this time pending notification of next of kin.

The Visalia Police Department will be conducting an administrative investigation and the Tulare County Sheriff's Office will conduct a criminal investigation.



A video of the statement provided by Captain Alvarez can be viewed on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/visaliapd>.

*****UPDATE*****

The individual involved in yesterday's Officer Involved Shooting has been identified as Ivan Cuevas.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Violent Crimes

Supervisor: Sgt. C. Sanchez

