



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**July 19, 2021**

**VPD Report Number:** 21-059911

**Type of Incident:** Shooting Arrest

**Date/Time Occurred:** July 19, 2021, at 7:26 a.m.

**Location:** 1000 block of S. Elverta

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

**Suspect:**

1. Julian Lopez
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**Age:**

27

**Arrested:**

Yes

**Details:** On July 19, 2021, at 7:26 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of S. Elverta regarding a possible shooting that occurred during a family disturbance. Upon arrival, officers located a 65-year-old male and a 42-year-old female suffering from gunshot wounds. Both victims were transported to Kaweah Health Medical Center, where they received medical treatment. Both victims are expected to recover. Two additional family members were inside the residence at the time of the incident. Officers were able to safely remove them from the residence, unharmed. The suspect, Julian Lopez, 27, initially barricaded himself within the residence. The SWAT Team along with the Crisis Negotiations Team responded and contacted Lopez by telephone. After a lengthy negotiation, the CNT Team was able to convince Lopez to peacefully surrender to officers, and he was taken into custody without further incident. Tulare County Crisis workers were also on scene assisting officers in getting Lopez to surrender. Violent Crimes detectives and Crime Lab personnel responded and took over the investigation, which included serving a search warrant at the residence. The handgun used in the incident is believed to have been recovered. Lopez was later booked at the Tulare County Pretrial Facility for two counts of Attempted Murder.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol/SWAT/CNT/VC

**Supervisor:** Sgt. M. Verissimo S36



