



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**July 30, 2021**

**VPD Report Number: 21-063180**

**Date/Time Occurred: June 30, 2021 at 4:36 PM**

**Type of Incident: Brandishing a Weapon**

**Location: 4645 W. Noble Ave.**

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

Motel 6

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

- 1. Benjamin Contreras**
- 2. Osvaldo Rodriguez**

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**YES**  
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**Details:**

On July 30, 2021, at 4:36 PM officers were dispatched to Motel 6, 4645 W. Noble for a report of a subject brandishing a firearm. The Victim told officers an unknown male subject came to the door and after a verbal altercation the male pointed a gun at him. Officers found the male, Benjamin Contreras, in a parked vehicle. Contreras and a passenger, Osvaldo Rodriguez, were detained without incident. A loaded firearm, narcotics and drug paraphernalia were located inside of the vehicle. Contreras was arrested for brandishing a weapon, felon in possession of a firearm/ammunition and narcotics related charges. Rodriguez was also arrested on narcotics related charges. They were booked at Tulare County Pre-Trial Detention Facility.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol**

**Supervisor: M. Whaley**

