



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
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VPD Report Number: 21-074871

Date/Time Occurred: 09/06/21 at 2330 Hours

Type of Incident: Negligent Discharge of a Firearm

Location: 500 block of E. Center, Visalia, Ca

Name of Business (if applicable):

Santa Fe Station

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Derek Hicks

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Yes

2.

Details: Last night at approximately 11:30 p.m. the Visalia Police Department received a report of a male subject who discharged a firearm in the area of Center and Santa Fe in the City of Visalia. Two subjects were contacted in a vehicle in the parking lot of the Santa Fe Station. The subjects refused to exit their vehicle for a period of time. The Santa Fe Station was evacuated during the brief standoff. The subjects eventually exited their vehicle. Derek Hicks was found to be in possession of a loaded P80 Ghost Gun and was arrested without incident. The passenger was detained and released. Derek Hicks was transported and booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial facility on various gun charges, warrants and negligent discharge of a firearm.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sergeant Bryan Somavia

