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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
November 18, 2021

VPD Report Number: 21-095621

Date/Time Occurred: 11/17/2021 1822 Hours.

Type of Incident:

Assault with a Deadly Weapon – Firearm
Possession of Methamphetamine

Location: 3200 block of W Coppola Ave.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. **Derrick, James Edward**

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Yes

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Details: On 11/17/2021 at approximately 1822 hours, officers were dispatched to the 3200 block of W. Coppola Ave. regarding a possible robbery. As officers were responding, dispatch received an additional call for service from James Derrick who stated that an adult male shot himself inside the residence.

Officers arrived on scene and asked all occupants of the residence to exit. As officers were ordering Derrick out of the residence, he informed them that he was the person who shot the male victim. Derrick was detained by officers and was found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

Officers located one adult male inside the residence suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. He was transported to Kaweah Health Medical Center by ambulance.

The Violent Crimes Unit was called out to take over the investigation. Detectives obtained a search for the residence and located several firearms. Derrick was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Possession of Methamphetamine.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective Miguel Leon at (559)713-4722.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Violent Crimes/Special Enforcement Unit

Supervisor: Agent Henry Martinez

