



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**December 30, 2021**

**VPD Report Number:** 21-106503

**Date/Time Occurred:** 12/24/2021 01:11 am

**Type of Incident:** Homicide

**Location:** Main St / Burke St

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

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Joshua Ryan Portillo

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Yes

**Details:** On 12/24/2021 at approximately 01:11 A.M., patrol officers responded to an assault in the area of E. Main St and N Burke St. Officers learned that 21-year-old Victim Nicholas Moll was walking on Main St when he was confronted and assaulted by a group of individuals.

Victim Moll sustained severe injuries from the assault and was transported to Kaweah Health Medical Center by witnesses prior to officers arriving on scene. The Violent Crimes Unit was asked to take over the investigation.

Despite the efforts of Kaweah Health Medical Center, Victim Nicholas Moll died on 12/30/2021 from the injuries sustained during the assault.

After numerous interviews and investigative contacts, detectives are seeking the public's help with identifying the persons of interest in the photographs. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Andrew Saelee at (559)713-4576. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the Anonymous Tip-Line at (559)713-4738.

**\*\*\*Update\*\*\***

The Visalia Police Department received numerous tips regarding the identity of the persons involved. Detectives were able to identify Joshua Portillo from Tulare as the suspect responsible for Nicholas Moll's death.

On 12/30/2021, detectives with the Violent Crimes Unit obtained an arrest warrant for Joshua Portillo. Portillo was arrested without incident outside his residence in the City of Tulare and was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for murder.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol/Violent Crimes Unit.

**Supervisor:** Agent Henry Martinez

