



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
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VPD Report Number: 22-010293

Date/Time Occurred: 2/8/22- 1306 hrs.

Type of Incident: Attempt Homicide

Location: 3400 blk. S. Villa

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Easley Jr., Steven

25

Yes

2.

Details: On 2/8/22 at 1:06 p.m. the Visalia Police Department was dispatched to a family disturbance, between a male and female, that was occurring in the 3400 block of S. Villa. While officers were responding, a friend of the female arrived at the location to check her welfare. As he approached the residence the suspect, identified as Steven Easley Jr. (25), fired a shot at him. The first responding officer heard the shot as he was arriving and was immediately able to contact the friend as he fled from the residence. The officer was able to confirm that the shot was fired at the friend. He further confirmed that the suspect was with a female and 3-year-old juvenile inside the residence and the suspect was refusing to let them leave the location.

The officer immediately set up a perimeter around the location and evacuated the surrounding residents. The Visalia Police Department Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) and SWAT Team responded to the scene. Negotiators were able to make phone contact with the suspect and the female inside the location and confirm that no one was injured at the residence. C.N.T. successfully negotiated the release of the female and the juvenile. Negotiators were then able to negotiate the surrender of the suspect to SWAT Team members at the front of the residence.

The suspect was booked on multiple charges related to this incident.

Arresting / Investigating Officer:

Patrol/CNT/V.C./SWAT/YSO/SEU/UAS

Supervisor: Agt. H. Martinez

