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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
March 24, 2022

VPD Report Number: 22-023807

Date/Time Occurred: 3-24-22 0648 hrs.

Type of Incident: Negligent Discharge of Firearm,
Manufacturing and Possession of Illegal/Un-Serialized
Firearm, Poss. of short-barreled rifle

Location: 3500 blk. of S. Villa

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

- 1. Male Juvenile
- 2.

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Yes

Details: On 3-24-22 at 6:48 a.m., officers were dispatched to a suspicious circumstance, with possible shots fired, at a residence in the 3500 block of S. Villa. Upon arrival, officers set up a perimeter and were able to evacuate the surrounding residences. Officers were successful in making phone contact with individuals inside the target location and they voluntarily came out of the residence. Violent Crimes Detectives were called to the scene, and they took over the investigation.

A search warrant was authored for the location and Violent Crimes Detectives located an un-serialized and illegally manufactured firearm inside the residence. Additionally, detectives located evidence that the firearm had been discharged at least one time from inside the residence.

The male juvenile suspect was arrested and booked at the Tulare County Juvenile Hall on multiple charges.

There were no injuries related to this incident.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/SEU/Violent Crimes

Supervisor: Sgt. Mike Short

